

POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1966

Clause 17, 170 and 171 of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008*

AUTHORITY

I, ANDREW HARGREAVES, A/Chief Pharmacist, a duly appointed delegate of the Secretary, NSW Health, make this instrument pursuant to clauses 170 and 171 for the purpose of clause 17 of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008*.



Andrew Hargreaves
A/Chief Pharmacist
(Delegation Numbers: PH427, PH380, PH381)

28 June 2024

Authority – Supply of the Schedule 3 substance naloxone for injection or intranasal spray by a credentialed health/welfare worker to a person using the Take Home Naloxone intervention.

1) Authorisation

This instrument authorises a participating private or non-government health/welfare service, via credentialed health/welfare workers employed or engaged at the service, to supply a client of the service, or a client of another service, with naloxone for injection or nasal spray subject to the conditions set out in Part 3 in this authority.

2) Definition

In this instrument:

“credentialed health/welfare worker” means a health or welfare worker (as described in Schedule 1) engaged by a participating private or non-government health/welfare service in NSW, who has successfully completed the Take Home Naloxone training and has been credentialed in accordance with the Take Home Naloxone non-government and private services procedures, section 4.5.

“participating private or non-government health/welfare service” means a private or non-government health or welfare service working with clients at risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid overdose that appears on the Register of non-government health/welfare services providing take home naloxone maintained by the NSW Ministry of Health.

3) Conditions

A. Employees/Staff

- i) Only credentialed health/welfare workers who are employed or engaged by the participating private or non-government health/welfare service may supply the *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] single-dose intranasal spray under the Take Home Naloxone Procedures and in accordance with this authority.
- ii) A credentialed health/welfare worker must only supply the *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] single-dose intranasal spray to a client of the participating private or non-government health/welfare service or the client of another service in the course of their engagement with the participating private or non-government health/welfare service.

B. Medication Administration/Supply

- i) The naloxone for injection or intranasal spray must be in the form of *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] single-dose intranasal spray.
- ii) The participating private or non-government health/welfare service must:
 - a. obtain the *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] intranasal spray from a pharmaceutical wholesaler licensed to supply Schedule 3 naloxone under the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966* and *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008*,
 - b. attach a label to the product packaging providing the name and address of the service supplying *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] intranasal spray. In addition, the participating private or non-government health/welfare service must ensure that the existing label from the manufacturer remains on the dispensed medicine, and
 - c. ensure a credentialed health/welfare worker completes the Take Home Naloxone Intervention Form and retains this record in accordance with Section 2.3.7 of the Take Home Naloxone Procedures.

C. Practice Requirements

- i) The supply of *Prenoxad*[®] pre-filled syringe or *Nyxoid*[®] intranasal spray by a credentialed health/welfare worker must be in accordance with section 2.3.6 of the Take Home Naloxone Procedures.

D. Client Documentation

- i) The participating private or non-government health/welfare service must ensure that the credentialed health/welfare worker files a completed Take Home Naloxone Intervention Form:
 - a. in the Client Record; or
 - b. if the client does not have a record, in the entity's Take Home Naloxone Intervention Folder for filing of completed Take Home Naloxone Intervention Forms.

E. Labelling

- i) A label must be attached to product packaging providing the name and address of the service supplying naloxone.
- ii) The label should not obstruct existing information on the packaging. In particular, the participating private or non-

government health/welfare service must ensure that the existing label from the manufacturer remains visible on the medicine.

4) Publication

This instrument will be published on the NSW Health website.

5) Duration

This instrument expires at the end of 30 June 2027 unless repealed earlier.

Schedule 1

The following persons engaged in participating private or non-government health/welfare services are a credentialed health/welfare worker:

Registered Nurse
Enrolled Nurse
Registered Midwife
Nurse practitioner
Psychologist
Pharmacist
Social Worker
Counsellor
Occupational Therapist
Manager
Director
Alcohol and Other Drugs Worker
Health Education Officer
Community support worker
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander worker
Aboriginal Health Worker
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner
Needle syringe program worker/coordinator/manager
Case manager/worker
Needle Syringe Program Worker
Needle Syringe Program Coordinator
Consumer worker
Peer Support Worker/Coordinator
AOD bilingual clinician
Outreach officer
Project officer
Transitional drug and alcohol worker
Women's transition worker
Transition worker
And including any of the above designations with "Aboriginal" or "Multicultural" as a preface