

POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS ACT 1966

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

AUTHORITY

I, KERRY CHANT, Chief Health Officer, 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*.



Kerry Chant
Chief Health Officer
(Delegation Numbers: PH427, PH380, PH381)

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30 October 2020

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 2024 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