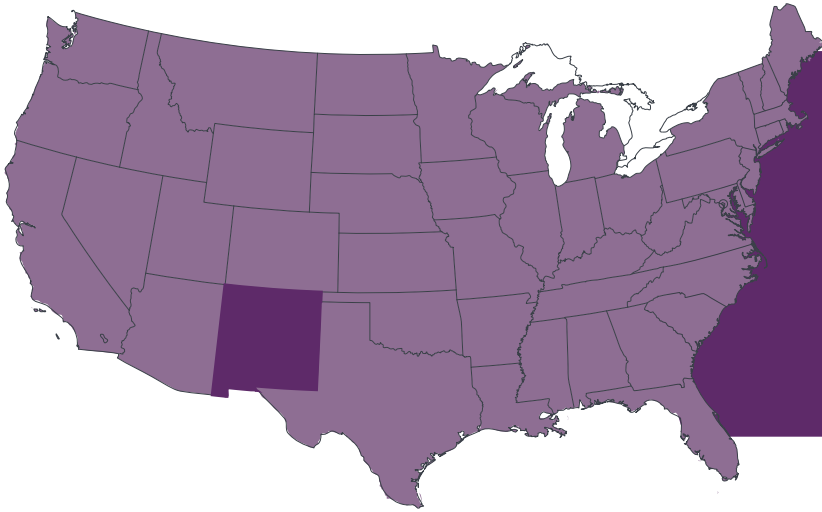
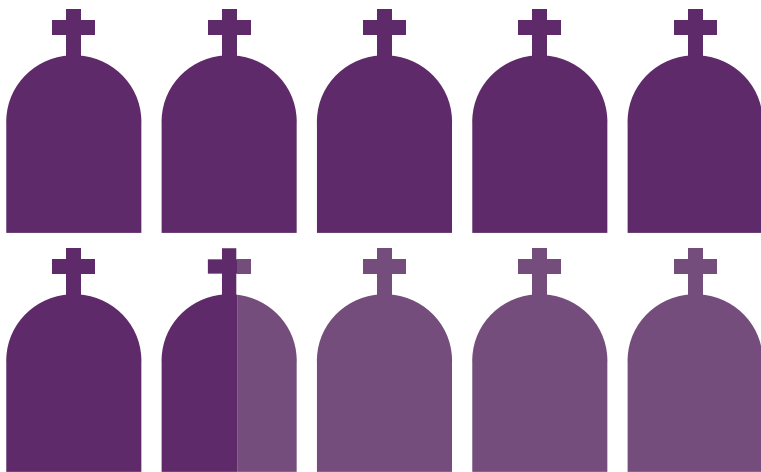


# NALOXONE IN NEW MEXICO



In 2021, New Mexico had the **6th\* HIGHEST** drug overdose death rate **IN THE NATION**

\*rate is based off the CDC ranking and is subject to change as final rates adjust (CDC, National Center for Health Statistics site last updated August 2, 2023)



In 2021, deaths due to opioids (including prescription opioids, heroin, and fentanyl) accounted for

**MORE THAN**

**69%**

of all drug related deaths in NM

- NMDOH

INCREASING NALOXONE AVAILABILITY  
HELPS PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS

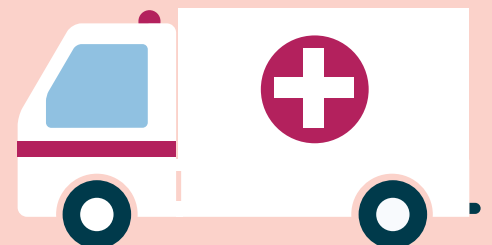


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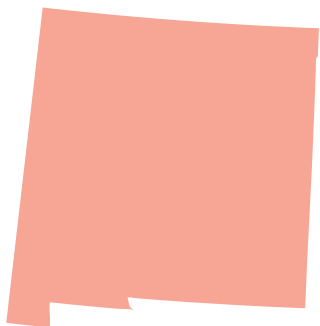
## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION USED TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AN OPIOID (PRESCRIBED OR NOT) OVERDOSE. IT IS EASY TO ADMINISTER AND SAFE TO USE.

NALOXONE, also known as NARCAN, has been used for decades by emergency responders and in hospital settings.



# GOT NALOXONE?



In New Mexico, DOH has been distributing naloxone **SINCE 2001** through its **HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS**

**MEDICAID Managed Medical Care Organizations (MCOs) PAY FOR NALOXONE**

**From January - December 2021\*:**

**1,166**  
new enrollees in NMDOH naloxone distribution programs

**61,347**  
Naloxone doses dispensed

**3,325**  
overdose reversals reported to NMDOH harm reduction program

**35,659**  
Medicaid reimbursement claims processed from **288** outpatient pharmacies





Naloxone should be prescribed alongside opioid prescriptions

All outpatient pharmacies should stock and distribute naloxone

\*(as of August 2023)

**In 2016, legislation was enacted permitting the possession, storage, distribution, prescribing, and administration of naloxone in NM.**

## HOW TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY?

-  Require private insurers to pay for naloxone.
-  Increase prescription of naloxone by licensed prescribers with any opioid prescription.
-  Expand stocking and distributing naloxone to all outpatient pharmacies.
-  Increase education on naloxone use and application and where to obtain it.



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