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

-INCREASING NALOXONE AVAILABILITY HELPS PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS-

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

**GOT NALOXONE?**

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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