



## ***Network Notification***

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**Date: March 14, 2016**

**To: Ohio Health Partners**

**From: CareSource®**

**Subject: Curbing Opioid Overdose with Naloxone - UPDATE**

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Opioids play a big part in accidental deaths. CareSource wants to put naloxone within reach of our high risk members and their families. The use of Narcan® nasal liquid or naloxone hydrochloride injection and an atomizer by loved ones and first responders can potentially help reverse an opioid overdose. That's why we have these items as a covered benefit for our CareSource members. There is no prior authorization required for Ohio Medicaid. No prior authorization is required for the injectable naloxone for MyCare Ohio and CareSource Marketplace (formerly CareSource Just4Me).

The Narcan liquid nasal spray was recently approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and is the easiest to use. It comes with a built-in nasal delivery device, eliminating the need for an atomizer. CareSource covers the Narcan nasal liquid under the pharmacy benefit *for Ohio Medicaid members only*. While a prior authorization is not necessary, a prescription is required to provide the benefit. The Narcan nasal spray comes with a Quick Start Guide that outlines opioid overdose response instructions.

Effective immediately, you can bill for both the naloxone injection and the atomizer *for all Ohio members* (Medicaid, MyCare, Just4Me, Medicare Advantage) on the medical and the pharmacy benefit. To avoid out-of-pocket expense for our members, providers can supply the injectable naloxone and bill it as a medical benefit. When injectable naloxone is prescribed, the provider may supply the atomizer as a medical benefit. Reimbursement codes are listed below depending on the billing capabilities of the pharmacy. You can also encourage members to seek Medication Therapy Management (MTM) at the pharmacy, to give them a better understanding of the risks and benefits of naloxone.

The codes for medical reimbursement for CareSource members are listed below:

- Naloxone Injection: Medical benefit code J2310
- Atomizer: Medical benefit code S8100 with modifier KX

For education on use of the atomizer with naloxone nasal injection please go to the Project Dawn (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) web site (<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/drug/ProjectDAWN.aspx>)

If you have questions, please call CareSource at 1-800-488-0134 and follow the prompts to Pharmacy. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. We can work together to curb unnecessary fatalities.