

Affordable Naloxone for California

Naloxone (naloxone hydrochloride) nasal spray is a life-saving medication designed to rapidly reverse the effects of a life-threatening opioid emergency by blocking the effects of opioids. It can restore normal breathing within two to three minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, because of an overdose from opioids. It is now available as an over-the-counter (OTC) medication and does not need a prescription for use. More information about how naloxone works, including instructional videos on how to use it, can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control's website](#).

Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP)

Qualifying organizations in California can get OTC 4 mg naloxone nasal spray and intramuscular 3 mg naloxone for **free** through the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Naloxone Distribution Project. More information and the link to submit an application to receive product can be found on the [Naloxone Distribution Project's website](#).

Eligible NDP Entities

- First responders, fire, & EMS
- Law enforcement, courts, & criminal justice partners
- Community organizations (including libraries, harm reduction, homelessness services, veteran, & religious organizations)
- Schools and universities
- County public health & behavioral health agencies
- Local city agencies
- Tribal entities
- Substance use recovery facilities
- Hospitals and emergency departments
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Community clinics



CalRx® \$24 Naloxone

The CalRx® program, in collaboration with Amneal Pharmaceuticals, offers OTC 4 mg naloxone nasal spray to California businesses and organizations at **\$24 per twin-pack**. This opportunity also extends to NDP-eligible entities looking to buy extra naloxone. Participating entities must agree to certain requirements, like a prohibition against resale. For purchase details and requirements, please visit the [CalRx® website](#).

Additional Resources and Information

California launched a new, comprehensive opioid response website that provides a single resource for prevention, data, treatment and support information. All these initiatives are part of Governor Newsom's multi-pronged approach to connect Californians with information to prevent and reduce overdoses and deaths and support those struggling with substance use and addiction. Please visit opioids.ca.gov to learn more and help us spread awareness and save lives. Together we can make a difference in combating this crisis.

