

Dispensing Data Under the Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone

Background

In 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) implemented the Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone, allowing pharmacists to dispense naloxone without an individual prescription from a health care provider.

This fact sheet includes naloxone dispensing data through the standing order. Share this with partners to raise awareness around naloxone availability and access, and standing orders.

260 Number of pharmacies dispensing naloxone under the statewide standing order.

93 Number of independently run pharmacies enrolled in statewide standing order.

12 Number of pharmacies that signed up for the first time in October 2019.

Changing Enrollment

More than 300 pharmacies initially signed up in 2016-2017 to dispense naloxone under the standing order, and some did not renew as is indicated in the data above. There are a number of reasons why about 90 of the independent stores did not re-enroll. The closing of 48 Shopko stores in Wisconsin accounts for more than half of those. Also, Costco stores previously reported independently and now they report as a group. Some stores closed. Some have acquired their own standing order or decided that lack of requests for naloxone from customers made participation unnecessary.

Information Update for 2019

In 2019, the standing order was renewed, requiring re-enrollment of participants. The current standing order is valid for two years, through September 2021.

The issuing of the new standing order coincided with a revision in the online REDCap enrollment and tracking system. Previously, a link on the DHS website provided access for enrollment and entering quarterly data.

Now, that link is used only for enrollment. Once

enrolled, pharmacies will receive an emailed link at the end of each quarter that is used for verifying their information and entering quarterly dispensing data. Reminders will be sent if data is not entered, with the goal of achieving more complete reporting.

Note: It is important to report even when no naloxone is dispensed.

Dispensing Data

In the quarter July through September 2019, 142 pharmacies reported dispensing naloxone 1,159 times, though 650 of these were for one pharmacy that services a treatment center.

Seventy-two pharmacies reported dispensing no naloxone during the quarter. Of the remaining 509 naloxone prescriptions filled, 65 (13%) were done via the standing order, demonstrating its importance.

For the previous quarter, April through June 2019, 141 pharmacies dispensed naloxone 1,432 times, though 1,014 were by the treatment center-affiliated pharmacy. Of the remaining 418, 44 prescriptions were filled from the standing order (11%).



Learn more:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/standing-order>

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