

Take Home Naloxone Program: Information for PBS-Registered Community Pharmacies

Getting Started

- **REGISTER** for the Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program through the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA) portal (<https://www.ppaonline.com.au>).
- Order and pay for naloxone through your normal wholesaler.
- **Ensure a minimum level of stock is always kept on hand of all naloxone formulations.**

Supplying Naloxone

- **Any individual** at risk of experiencing/witnessing an opioid overdose, e.g. requests naloxone OR is **IDENTIFIED BY PHARMACIST** as high risk OR is a high risk **MATOD client**.
- Provide **FREE, NO PRESCRIPTION** naloxone product based on preference:
 - If an individual prefers a less invasive intranasal form, supply **NYXOID® NASAL SPRAY**.
 - If individual prefers an injectable (IM) product, supply **PRENOXAD® PRE-FILLED SYRINGE**.
 - Only supply **NALOXONE AMPOULES** if specifically requested.
- Provide **BRIEF ADVICE** and a copy of the **CLIENT HANDOUT** leaflet.

Claiming

- The information required to be entered in the PPA portal is:
 - Date of naloxone supply.
 - Formulations and quantities of naloxone supplied (maximum two).
 - Staff designation (e.g. Pharmacist).
 - Client consents to providing de-identified data
 - Whether this is an initial supply or a refill
 - If a refill is provided, provide the reason for refill supply:
 - My THN was used on me
 - My THN was used on someone else
 - My THN was given to someone else to keep
 - My THN is lost, damaged or expired.
- **CLAIM THE COST PLUS DISPENSING FEE THROUGH THE PPA PORTAL**

A maximum of two times the PBS quantity of naloxone can be supplied per visit. There is **NO** maximum on the number of visits as each one is entered as a separate supply claim in the PPA portal, as per the table below:

PRODUCT	MAXIMUM QUANTITY YOU CAN SUPPLY PER VISIT
NYXOID® intranasal spray¹ naloxone 1.8 mg/actuation nasal spray, 2 x single dose sprays	Two packs of two single-use nasal sprays (Total of four single-use nasal sprays)
PRENOXAD® pre-filled syringes naloxone hydrochloride 1mg/mL, 2mL syringe Supply an additional three x 23 gauge (blue) 1 inch to 1 ½ inch needles per syringe and a sharps disposal container.	Two packs of one syringe (Total of two pre-filled syringes)
Naloxone Juno, Naloxone SXP or Naloxone Hydrochloride (DBL) ampoules 400 mcg/mL, 5 x 1mL ampoules Supply 5 needles (23 gauge (blue) 1 inch to 1 ½ inch) and 5 syringe barrels (1mL to 3mL) per pack, and a sharps disposal container.	Two packs of five ampoules (Total of ten ampoules)

The national Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program provides access to **free naloxone** from participating sites (such as community pharmacies and hospitals) to **anyone** at risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid adverse reaction. **NO PRESCRIPTION REQUIRED.**

Naloxone is a lifesaving, fast-acting, temporary, opioid antagonist that was used **FOUR times a WEEK** in South Australia between July 2022 – June 2023. **Emergency medical treatment is still required.**

There is **NO RISK OF MISUSE**. If in doubt, **ALWAYS SUPPLY NALOXONE**.

For any queries, please email Health.THNDASSA@sa.gov.au

¹ An additional brand, **Nyxoid® (UK)**, has been temporarily approved to import and supply in Australia under section 19A (s19A) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 until 31 July 2024. Updates for this s19A approval are available on the [TGA website](#). Shortly after this approval is lapsed, Nyxoid® (UK) will be removed from the THN Program. An update has been published on the [PPA website](#).