



## Availability of Naloxone (Narcan®) through Statewide Contract

Local government purchasers have increasingly been reaching out to the Operational Services Division (OSD) about the availability of naloxone on Statewide Contract. As you may know, naloxone, the generic version of Narcan®, is a medication to reverse the effects of overdoses from heroin or other opioids. OSD is pleased to offer naloxone under [Statewide Contract MED38](#) and provides, below, instructions to facilitate its order and delivery.

OSD does not oversee the pharmacy elements of naloxone purchasing, distribution, and dispensing/administration. The following guidance has been developed in consultation with Executive Office of Health and Human Services offices: the [Department of Public Health \(DPH\)](#), the [Drug Control Program \(DCP\)](#) and the [State Office of Pharmacy Services \(SOPS\)](#), which oversee these elements.

## Guidance to Obtain Naloxone

There are prescribed actions local government organizations must undertake and complete to obtain and allow their public employees to administer naloxone:

1. File the [Application for Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration form](#) to obtain a Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration, which must be in place **before** naloxone is purchased. View the associated regulations, [105 CMR 700.000](#). Link to related information at [www.mass.gov/dph/dcp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcp).
2. The method for purchasing naloxone depends upon the availability of a municipal medical facility with a DEA and State licensed pharmacy:
  - a. Purchasing organizations that **have** a municipal medical facility with a DEA and State licensed pharmacy may purchase naloxone directly from Statewide Contract MED38.\* An account must be set up with the Statewide Contract vendor, Cardinal Health. Please refer to the [MED38 Contract User Guide](#) for ordering instructions and Cardinal contact information.\*\*
  - b. Purchasing organizations that **do not have** availability of a licensed municipal pharmacy may purchase naloxone from Statewide Contract MED38 through designated personnel at the [State Office of Pharmacy Services](#), who accept naloxone purchasing requests and payments, and will forward shipments to the location designated by the purchasing organization.\*\* Naloxone purchase requests may be forwarded to the following individuals at the State Office of Pharmacy Services:
    - Edward Cavallari – [Edward.Cavallari@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:Edward.Cavallari@massmail.state.ma.us) 978-858-2153
    - Elizabeth Landers – [elizabeth.landiers@state.ma.us](mailto:elizabeth.landiers@state.ma.us) 978-858-2104
    - Alki Nacopoulos – [alkiviadis.nacopoulos@state.ma.us](mailto:alkiviadis.nacopoulos@state.ma.us) 978-858-2101
    - Donald Rogers – [donald.p.rogers@state.ma.us](mailto:donald.p.rogers@state.ma.us) 978-858-2114

\* Executive Branch agencies must use [COMMBUYS](#) to document their purchases. Eligible entities, including local government organizations, are encouraged to become a [COMMBUYS purchasing organization](#) (see [Additional Resources](#)).

\*\* Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration must be in force before naloxone may be purchased.

## Additional Resources

- Refer questions about [Statewide Contract MED38](#) to Peter Etzel, OSD Strategic Sourcing Lead, at [peter.etzet@state.ma.us](mailto:peter.etzet@state.ma.us).



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- Become a COMMBUYS purchasing organization. Reach the COMMBUYS Enablement Team at [COMMBUYSEnablement@state.ma.us](mailto:COMMBUYSEnablement@state.ma.us)