

Iowa Medicaid Outpatient Pharmacy Benefit

Coverage of Opioid Reversal Agents

Pharmacists are crucial in safeguarding patients by ensuring access to opioid reversal agents. Below is information on how Iowa Medicaid members can access these lifesaving medications.

Opioid Reversal Agent Coverage

The following opioid reversal medications are available through Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List¹ with no requirement for prior authorization (PA).

Medication Name	Coverage*
Opvee	No PA required
Naloxone nasal (OTC)	No PA required
Naloxone nasal (Rx)	Labeler 00781 Preferred, no PA required
Naloxone injection solution	No PA required
Zimhi	No PA required
Narcan	No PA required
Kloxxado	No PA required
Rextovy	No PA required

*Coverage details are current as of August 2025

Contact the Iowa Medicaid and MCO pharmacy helpdesks for assistance with claim rejections such as “NDC not covered” or “PA required”.

Please note, most rejections for “NDC not covered” or “PA required” may be resolved with an alternative national drug code (NDC).

Plan	Telephone	Email
Fee-for-Service	1-877-776-1567	pba_iapdinfo@optum.com
Iowa Total Care	1-833-404-1061	ITC-Pharmacy@IowaTotalCare.com
Molina	1-800-349-0679	mhia_pharmacy@molinahealthcare.com
Wellpoint Iowa	1-833-236-5925	N/A

Please see information below on alternative options for increasing member’s access to opioid antagonists.

Opioid Antagonist Statewide Protocol

Purpose: Allows pharmacists to order and dispense opioid antagonists.

Requirements:

- Complete one-hour ACPE-approved continuing education.
- Enroll as a pharmacist provider with Iowa Medicaid and each relevant MCO.
- Submit claims under the individual pharmacist's NPI.

Additional Resources: Visit the Medicaid Pharmacy webpage² and the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Statewide Protocols webpage³ for more information.

Naloxone Standing Order

Purpose: Allows pharmacists to dispense opioid antagonists under a standing order signed by Dr. Robert Kruse.

Requirements:

- Complete one-hour ACPE-approved continuing education.
- No enrollment with Iowa Medicaid or MCOs is required.
- Submit claims under Dr. Robert Kruse's NPI.

Additional Resources: Visit the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Statewide Protocols webpage³ for more information.

Quick Reference Chart

	Standing Order	Statewide Protocol	Standard Prescription
Pharmacist enrolled/credentialed with Iowa Medicaid/MCOs		X	
Pharmacist CE Requirements	X	X	
Allows pharmacists to order and dispense		X	
Preferred and/or Rebatable NDC required	X	X	X
Requires a written prescription from a physician			X

Webpage Links

1. <https://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/pa-pdl/preferred-drug-lists.html>
2. <https://hhs.iowa.gov/medicaid/provider-services/medicaid-pharmacy>
3. <https://dial.iowa.gov/about-dial/boards/pharmacy/statewide-protocols>