

Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare

Naloxone (Narcan) Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for proper use and administration of Naloxone, also known as Narcan, to effectively treat and reduce potential fatalities associated with opioid overdoses. Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare (CBH) is committed to helping all persons in a suspected overdose and will act to render aid. As part of our commitment, staff will be provided training, and Naloxone will be stored on site.

A standing order will be on file from the Medical Director, allowing a licensed healthcare professional, whose scope of practice includes administration of Naloxone, or a direct access worker who is trained to administer intra-nasal Naloxone, to administer Naloxone to CBH staff, clients, and visitors.

Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored at each reception desk along with personal protective equipment (PPE). All trained staff will be aware of the Naloxone storage locations. Naloxone will be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to avoid extreme cold, heat, and direct sunlight.

Naloxone is NOT a substitute for emergency medical care. The following actions must be taken:

- 911 will be called immediately with any Naloxone administration and/or suspected drug overdose within CBH or CBH grounds.
- Transportation to a local hospital by EMS for further medical evaluation will be requested and recommended for all suspected overdose events.
- Emergency care (i.e., CPR) will be provided until EMS arrives if the employee is appropriately certified to provide such services.
- If a person refuses additional care or transportation to a local hospital, it will be noted in the incident report.

After administering Naloxone, the person administering will follow CBH policies for incident reporting, notifying clinical supervisor and administration.



Medical Director

04/21/2026

Date