



## ***Network Notification***

**Date:** June 30, 2016

**To:** CareSource Just4Me™, CareSource Advantage® (HMO) / Advantage Plus™ (HMO) Health Partners

**From:** CareSource®

**Subject:** Curbing Opioid Overdose with Naloxone

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Opioids play a big part in accidental deaths. CareSource wants to put naloxone within reach of our high risk members and their families. The use of Narcan® nasal liquid or naloxone hydrochloride injection and an atomizer by loved ones and first responders can potentially help reverse an opioid overdose. No prior authorization is required for the injectable naloxone for MyCare Ohio and CareSource Just4Me.

The Narcan liquid nasal spray was approved earlier this year by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and is the easiest to use. It comes with a built-in nasal delivery device, eliminating the need for an atomizer. CareSource covers the Narcan nasal liquid under the pharmacy benefit for Ohio and Kentucky Medicaid members only. It is not currently a covered benefit in CareSource Just4Me and CareSource Advantage/Advantage Plus. While a prior authorization is not necessary for Medicaid members, a prescription is required to provide the benefit. The Narcan nasal spray comes with a Quick Start Guide that outlines opioid overdose response instructions.

Effective immediately, you can bill for the naloxone injection for all Ohio and Kentucky members (Just4Me, Medicare Advantage, MyCare and Medicaid) on the medical and the pharmacy benefit. To avoid out-of-pocket expense for our members, providers can supply the injectable naloxone and bill it as a medical benefit. When injectable naloxone is prescribed, the provider may supply the atomizer as a medical benefit. Reimbursement codes are listed below depending on the billing capabilities of the pharmacy. You can also encourage members to seek Medication Therapy Management (MTM) at the pharmacy, to give them a better understanding of the risks and benefits of naloxone.

The codes for medical reimbursement for CareSource members are listed below:

Naloxone Injection: Medical benefit code J2310

Atomizer: Medical benefit code S8100 with modifier KX

For education on use of the atomizer with naloxone nasal injection please go to the Project Dawn (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) web site:  
(<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/drug/ProjectDAWN.aspx>)

If you have questions, please call CareSource at 1-800-488-0134 and follow the prompts to Pharmacy. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. We can work together to curb unnecessary fatalities.