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Dear Medicaid Provider,

The Department of Health develop a statewide opioid antagonist pilot program that emphasizes access to opioid antagonists to and for the benefit of individuals with a history of opioid use. Along with the pilot program a policy was generated for “Standing Order for Distribution of Naloxone Prescription for Overdose Prevention” which allows Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan<sup>®</sup>) to be covered without a prescription. This policy can be found at [http://www.vtpharmacists.com/resources/RESP\\_Naloxone\\_standingorder.pdf](http://www.vtpharmacists.com/resources/RESP_Naloxone_standingorder.pdf)

This policy is in accordance to Standing Order issued pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4240 (c) (1) ensures that residents of the State of Vermont who are at risk of opioid-related overdose along with other persons such as family members and friends who can assist a at risk individual without a prescription. The statue can be found at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/084/04240>.

In support of this program and the standing order, the Department of Vermont Health Access has available two Naloxone products preferred on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) without any prior authorization requirement:

- Narcan<sup>®</sup> (naloxone hcl) Nasal Spray with a quantity limit of 4 single-use sprays every 28 days.
- Naloxone HCL Prefilled leur-locked needless syringe plus intranasal mucosal atomizing device

PLEASE NOTE: Effective 4/1/17, **Evzio<sup>®</sup>** is not classified as a covered outpatient drug and is therefore not covered by Vermont Medicaid.

The PDL can be found at: that can be found at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/vermont-pdl-effective-11-17-17-october-minutes-2017.v3.pdf>

If you have questions related to this benefit coverage, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA\_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com**. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont’s clinical pharmacy programs.

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