

Notice from the Executive Officer: Funding of Naloxone Nasal Spray through the ONPP

March 8, 2018

Effective **March 27, 2018**, intra-nasal naloxone spray (INNS) will be publicly funded through the Ontario Naloxone Program for Pharmacies (ONPP) to all eligible Ontarians. Criteria for an eligible person include:

- A person who is either currently using opioids or is a past opioid user who is at risk of returning to opioid use, or
- A family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of overdose from opioids.

The addition of INNS kits is an expansion of the existing program. Naloxone injectable kits will continue to be funded through the existing ONPP. Eligible recipients will have the choice between injectable naloxone and INNS kits.

More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

Background

On June 3, 2016, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (ministry) introduced the ONPP, making publicly funded injectable naloxone kits available in pharmacies.

For further information on naloxone and the ONPP, please refer to the EO Notice and FAQs on naloxone posted on the ministry's website in August 2016:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/opdp_eo/eo_communiq.aspx

Additional Information:

For pharmacies:

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282.