

SB 5195 BHA Requirements - Quick Sheet

Inclusion Criteria¹

Clients who present with symptoms of an opioid use disorder, or who report recent use of opioids outside of legal authority.

Exceptions are limited to the following:

- Client declines medication
- Provider judgement that it is not appropriate
- Client possesses naloxone

Distribution and Client Education²

BHA's who identify clients meeting inclusion criteria must at the client's intake, treatment plan review, or discharge as appropriate do the following:

1. Inform the client about naloxone and ask whether the client has naloxone. If the client does not have naloxone, unless the provider determines in their clinical judgement that it is not appropriate, the provider must:
2. Prescribe the client naloxone or use the statewide naloxone standing order
3. Assist the client in directly obtaining naloxone as soon as practical by:
 - Directly dispensing naloxone if authorized by state law
 - Partnering with a pharmacy to obtain naloxone on the client's behalf and distributing the naloxone to the client
 - Assisting the client in utilizing a mail order pharmacy or pharmacy that mails prescription drugs directly to the BHA or client and distributing the naloxone to the client
 - Obtaining and distributing naloxone through the bulk purchasing and distribution program (not yet operational)
 - Using any other resources or means authorized by state law to provide naloxone
4. Clients who receive naloxone in accordance with this law must be provided information and resources about medications for opioid use disorder and harm reduction services, which should be available in all relevant languages that the agency serves.
5. The individual or entity that dispenses, distributes, or delivers naloxone in accordance with this law shall ensure that the directions for use are provided.

¹ 2SSB 5195 Sec. 4.1

² 2SSB 5195 Sec. 4.1 a-e

Storage and Labeling³

Under SB 5195, the labelling requirements outlined in RCW 69.41.050 and RCW 18.64.246 are waived.

Billing⁴

Until the naloxone bulk purchasing and distribution program is operational, if a BHA dispenses, distributes, or otherwise assists the client in directly obtaining naloxone such that the agency is the billing entity, the BHA must:

- For clients enrolled in a medical assistance program, the agency must bill the client's Medicaid benefit for the patient's prepackaged naloxone using the appropriate billing codes established by HCA. This billing code must be separate from and in addition to the payment for the other services provided during the hospital visit.
- For clients with private or commercial insurance the agency must bill the patient's health plan for the cost of the prepackaged naloxone.
- For clients who are uninsured the agency must bill HCA for the cost of the client's prepackaged naloxone.

A pharmacy that dispenses naloxone through a partnership or relationship with the BHA must bill HCA for the cost of the client's naloxone for clients that are not enrolled in medical assistance under 74.09 and do not have any other available health insurance

³ 2SSB 5195 Sec. 4.4

⁴ 2SSB 5195 Sec 4.2-3

