Targeted Narcan Training and Distribution

The North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) is implementing six Medicaid Transformation Projects, one of which is the Opioid Project. The project objective is to support the achievement of the state’s goals to reduce opioid-related morbidity and mortality through strategies that target prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.

Targeted Naloxone Distribution is an evidence-based intervention strategy to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that can quickly and safely reverse the potentially fatal effects of an opioid overdose. Targeted distribution programs seek to train and equip individuals who are most likely to encounter or witness an overdose – especially people who use drugs and first responders – with naloxone kits, which they can use in an emergency to save a life. By equipping these individuals with naloxone and training them to identify and respond to an overdose, the potential delay between the onset of an opioid overdose and the delivery of life-saving care can be reduced from hours to seconds. This is especially true in rural areas, where residents may experience longer EMS response times. Ready access of naloxone among members of the lay community is key for saving lives.

The North Central Accountable Community of Health Governing Board has allocated $20,000 for Targeted Narcan Training and Distribution in 2019. At the guidance of the Regional Opioid Stakeholders workgroup, NCACH will distribute funding to allow local partners to buy and distribute Narcan to foster trust, collaboration, and partnerships. NCACH has developed the following procedures for selection and distribution of funding to partners.

Allocation and Uses of Funding:

- In order to ensure equitable distribution of Narcan within the NCACH region, each of the following geographical areas will be allocated $5000: Grant County, Chelan and Douglas Counties, and Okanogan County. Narcan purchased with funding allocated for a given geographical area needs to be distributed in that area.
- Additionally, the Colville Confederated Tribes will be allocated $5000 of the available funding. This funding will be distributed at the discretion of the Colville Confederated Tribes Health and Human Services to tribal entities or to non-tribal entities serving Tribal communities/populations at.
- Any non-profit or government agency located in and serving North Central Washington (Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties) is eligible to apply for this funding.
- Funding will be available only for the purchase of Narcan, at the non-profit rate offered by Adapt Pharma ($75 per 2 dose box). Funding is not available to pay for staff time for providing the necessary training or registration/table fees at events.
- Funding will be awarded when the application is reviewed and approved, however, funding will only be distributed on a cost-reimbursable basis after training and
distribution has occurred and NCACH program staff has received a Reimbursement Request accompanied by proper documentation.

Procedure:

1. NCACH issues an application for funding for Narcan Training and Distribution by February 11th.
2. First review of applications on March 4th with applications being reviewed as received after the first review.
3. Applicants are able to apply for funding for up to 10 boxes of Narcan (each with 2 doses) with a maximum per box cost of $75 per application. Note: additional applications may only be submitted after prior application obligations have been fulfilled.
4. NCACH staff will review applications. If there are more applicants than funding for a given allocation, NCACH will encourage applicants to collaborate and consolidate applications.
5. Applicants will be notified if their request is awarded (applicants will also be notified if their request is not awarded).
6. If it is awarded, the applicant will need to do the following to receive payment
   a. Register in the Financial Executor Portal
   b. Sign an MOU with NCACH
   c. Purchase Narcan
   d. Provide training and distribute Narcan to qualified participants. Qualified participants include:
      i. An organization that serves at risk populations (limited to one box of Narcan per location or building and a minimum of 50% of staff must be trained).
      ii. An individual who answers yes to the following question: Do you, or does someone close to you, use opioid regularly?
      iii. An individual who demonstrates why they are at an increased risk of witnessing an overdose (this must be documented and submitted to the NCACH with the reimbursement request; note identifying information does not necessarily need to be included).

Additional Information:

- Applicants are encouraged to request matching donations from insurance agencies, healthcare partners, local businesses, and other non-profits. Applicants who have received matching donations will receive priority in funding if there are more applicants than allocated funding.