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504.14 NALOXONE ADMINISTERED BY EMS

Procedure Code:	A0998 Bundled Code (Includes two 2mg syringes of Naloxone Hydrochloride, administration fee, and atomizers)
Modifier Code:	HF
Service Unit:	1
Service Limit:	No Limit
Telehealth:	Not Available

Staff Credentials: Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers as authorized by the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Emergency Medical Services system according to WV Code, §16-4C, known as the Emergency Medical Services Act (Act). Legislative rule 64CSR48 describes and implements all aspects of pre-hospital care as authorized under the Act. These providers are also referred to as prehospital providers.

The system includes mandatory state-wide protocols which are physician standing orders for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Paramedics and all EMS providers. The state-wide, mandatory protocols permit consistent prehospital emergency medical treatment across the state. Prehospital providers cannot practice medicine independently. They must practice under the license of the Agency Medical Director.

Definition: Naloxone is a pure opiate antagonist and prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation, and hypotension. It is sold under the brand name of Narcan®. Naloxone is administered to the patient by the prehospital provider using a West Virginia state-wide protocol. This code may be billed regardless of whether the member is transported to the hospital for further medical treatment.

504.14.1 REFERRAL TO TREATMENT BY EMS

Procedure Code:	H0050 Alcohol and/or Drug Services, Brief Intervention
Modifier Code:	HF
Service Unit:	15 Minutes
Service Limit:	2 Per Calendar Day
Telehealth:	Not Available

Staff Credentials: Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Services providers as authorized by the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Emergency Medical Services system according to WV Code, §16-4C, known as the Emergency Medical Services Act (Act). Legislative rule 64CSR48 describes and implements all aspects of pre-hospital care as authorized under the Act. These providers are also referred to as prehospital providers.

Definition: Following Naloxone administration or when the member is identified by the prehospital provider as having a substance use disorder and in need of further treatment, the member should be provided informational material on the WV Helpline and treatment options. The prehospital provider should also determine if the member is interested and/or willing to enter treatment and, if so, contact the WV Helpline to make a referral.

The WV Helpline may be reached at 1-844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7499). HELP4WV offers a 24/7 call, chat, and text line that provides immediate help for any West Virginian struggling with an addiction or mental health issue. Many of those answering the helpline are peer-support specialists or recovery coaches. This means that they have

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personal experience in recovery from a mental health or substance abuse issue. The helpline staff offers confidential support and resource referrals, including self-help groups, out-patient counseling, medication-assisted treatment, psychiatric care, emergency care, and residential treatment.

If the patient is not interested in a referral to treatment at this time, the prehospital provider leaves the information with the patient.

504.14.2 NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION AND REFERRAL BILLING EXAMPLES

The following are examples of when the prehospital provider may bill for Naloxone administration and/or referral to treatment.

	Step One	Step Two	Billing Code*
1	Naloxone is administered by prehospital provider	Member accepts and/or requires transportation to the emergency room for medical treatment	A0998 HF
2	Naloxone is administered by prehospital provider	Member refuses transport to the emergency room and referral to treatment	A0998 HF
3	Naloxone is administered by prehospital provider	Member refuses transport to the emergency room, accepts the informational material but refuses referral to treatment	A0998 HF H0050 HF
4	Naloxone is administered by prehospital provider	Member refuses transport to the emergency room, accepts the informational material and referral to treatment	A0998 HF H0050 HF
5	Naloxone is not administered by prehospital provider but the member has a substance use disorder	Member refuses transport to the emergency room, accepts the informational material and accepts or refuses referral to treatment	H0050 HF

*Modifier Code HF must be used with codes A0998 and H0050

GLOSSARY

Definitions in [Chapter 200, Definitions and Acronyms](#) apply to all West Virginia Medicaid services, including those covered by this chapter. Definitions in this glossary are specific to this chapter.

Alcohol & Drug Clinical Supervisor (ADC-S): Certification as defined by the West Virginia Certification Board of Addiction Prevention Professionals requirements

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services: Services that are medical or remedial that recommended by a physician, physician extender, licensed psychologist, or supervised psychologist for the purpose of reducing a

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physical or mental disability and restoration of a member to his/her best function level. These services are designed for all members with conditions associated with mental illness, substance abuse and/or dependence. Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services may be provided to members in a variety of settings, including in the home, community, or a residential program, but do not include services provided in an inpatient setting.

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