

## NALOXONE HCL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NALOXONE HCL	EVZIO		36342, 42502	

### GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is there a FDA confirmed shortage of ALL other naloxone products for the emergency treatment of opioid overdose [naloxone vials and syringes (with or without a nasal adaptor) and naloxone nasal spray (Narcan)]?

If yes, **approve for 1 fill only.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the caregiver unable to use alternative mechanisms of naloxone delivery (e.g., naloxone nasal spray, injectable naloxone pre-filled syringe or vial) due to deficits requiring the need for an auto-injector with audio cues for administration and precluding the use of nasally administered naloxone?

If yes, **approve for 1 fill only.**

If no, do not approve, but please ensure member receives one of the alternative mechanisms of delivery.

**DENIAL TEXT:** Our guideline for **NALOXONE HCL** auto-injector with audio cues (Evzio) requires either a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) confirmed shortage of all other naloxone products for the emergency treatment of opioid overdose [naloxone vials and syringes (with or without a nasal adaptor) and naloxone nasal spray (Narcan)], or the caregiver must be unable to use alternative mechanisms of naloxone delivery (e.g., naloxone nasal spray, injectable naloxone pre-filled syringe or vial) due to deficits requiring the need for an auto-injector with audio cues for administration and precluding the use of nasally administered naloxone.

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### RATIONALE

To prevent inappropriate utilization of naloxone auto-injector with audio cues when there are other preferred naloxone dosage forms.

### FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Naloxone HCl is an opioid antagonist indicated for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opiate overdose, as manifested by respiratory and/or central nervous system depression.

### REFERENCES

- Kaleo, Inc. Evzio package insert. Richmond, VA. April 2014.

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