

Tennessee Law for Prescribing Opioids (Narcotics)

The state of Tennessee limits how we can prescribe you opioid medicine. Some of these opioids include fentanyl, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and tramadol.

Why do we have this law?

- Every day, at least 3 people die from an opioid overdose in Tennessee.
- Each year, the number of prescriptions written for opioids is more than the number of people living in Tennessee.
- You can become addicted to opioids much sooner than we used to think.
- There are many risks and side effects when you take opioids. Over time, they do not treat pain better than non-opioid medicines.

What does this mean for me?

- Your provider is limited on how much opioid medicine they can prescribe you.
- Your provider might give you Naloxone (Narcan) with each opioid prescription.
- You might need an in-person or telehealth appointment to get your opioid medicine refilled.

Learn more

- Talk with your provider about what this Tennessee law means for you.
- Go to: TNTogether.com or scan this QR code

