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Lost or Stolen Medication Policy

If a patient's Medication / Prescription is lost or stolen, the following applies:

1. The patient must provide a police report if the medication is stolen and the following provisions may also apply at the discretion and clinical judgement of the Program Medical Director and the MAT team.
2. If the police refuse to provide a police report about the stolen medication, a signed statement, including the officer's badge number, from the police stating that a stolen medication report will not be completed.
 - a. If the patient is currently scheduled for weekly clinic visit, the patient may either be required to go without medication for a week or be offered a prescription that they would have to pay for out-of-pocket as insurance will not pay for this medication.
 - b. If the patient is currently scheduled for bi-weekly visits to the clinic, he or she may have to go without medication if the next scheduled appointment is less than a week from the date of lost medication. If the patient's next scheduled appointment is more than 7 days from the date of report, the patient may be required to go without medication until 7 days prior to the next scheduled appointment at which time medication will be provided daily for the balance of remaining week, with the patient being required to check in daily. If patient does not check in daily, either by reporting or calling in, the patient may then be discharged from the program.
 - c. If the patient is currently scheduled for monthly visits to the clinic, he or she may be required to go without medication until one, two or three weeks prior to the next scheduled appointment. At that point, the patient will be required to check in either daily or weekly until the next scheduled appointment. Sufficient medication will provided until the next required visit for the remainder of the time until the scheduled appointment. If patient does not check in daily or weekly as required, either by reporting or calling in, the patient may then be discharged from the program.

3. The patient will be drug tested at the time of the report of stolen or lost medication. If the patient provides a clean UDS, the patient will not be considered to have relapsed and days clean will remain as is. If the UDS tests dirty with any drug other than Buprenorphine, the patient will have relapsed and the policy for a dirty urine drug screen will apply.

***NOTE: The above policy does not pertain to pregnant patients. Please see below:**

- If the patient is pregnant and reports medication being stolen, she must provide a police report or a signed statement from the police as described above.
- For a pregnant woman, follow the police report or signed statement, the patient will receive enough medication until the next scheduled visit. Daily or weekly check-ins may be required, with medication being provided that is sufficient until the next required visit.

Patient Signature

Date

Your Organization Program Staff Signature

Date