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MAT Program

Procedures for Diversion Control

When a patient is scheduled to begin our MAT program a Board of Pharmacy report is obtained by the physician or a designated staff member. All prescriptions on the report are verified to ensure that the patient is not obtaining suboxone from another source or other prescriptions that may interfere with beginning a suboxone treatment regime. If there are questions regarding the report the physician questions the patient before prescriptions are written.

All prescriptions written by our physician for suboxone are filled at our pharmacy. Before the prescription is dispensed copies of the wrappers are made by our pharmacy staff and given to the MAT Care Manager. The copies of the wrappers are kept in the control of the Care Manager.

The patient will be instructed that each time they come into the clinic for a random urine drug screen or an appointment of any kind, they are to bring their prescription bottle with all wrappers. The wrapper count and serial numbers are verified anytime the patient is here. At each group meeting the patient will bring the prescription bottle with all wrappers to be turned in to and checked in by the MAT Care Manager. The patient does not get this bottle back. The Care Manager verifies the wrapper count and verifies the serial numbers. The wrappers and bottles are destroyed.

Missing wrappers and wrappers with serial numbers that are out of sequence are dealt with at the discretion of the physician. Often, patients will confidentially share with MAT team members information about program rule violations by other patients. This information is shared with all team members. After verification that the information about rule violation is true, each individual situation is handled according to the doctor's medical judgement whether or not termination from the MAT program is warranted.

In addition to the above mentioned procedures that are intended to prevent diversion of medication used in the MAT program, medication dosing is begun and maintained at the lowest possible effective dose, thus discouraging patients from lowering their own doses and diverting saved partial doses for sale.