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Buprenorphine Treatment Agreement

Educational Information

Buprenorphine/naloxone (e.g. Suboxone, Zubsolv) is a medication to treat opiate addiction (for example: heroin, prescription opiates such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone). Buprenorphine/naloxone contains the opiate narcotic analgesic medication, buprenorphine, and the opiate antagonist drug, naloxone. The naloxone is present in the tablet to prevent diversion to injected abuse of this medication. Injection of buprenorphine/naloxone by a person who is addicted to opiates will produce severe opiate withdrawal.

Buprenorphine, as found in buprenorphine/naloxone, is a narcotic analgesic, and thus it can produce a 'high'. Buprenorphine/naloxone regularly can lead to physical dependence and addiction, and stopping abruptly after a period of regular use, I precipitate symptoms of opiate withdrawal.

Combining buprenorphine/naloxone with benzodiazepine (sedative or tranquilizer) medications (including but not limited to Valium, Klonopin, Ativan, Xanax, Librium, Serax) has been associated with severe adverse events and even death. Drinking alcohol with buprenorphine/naloxone can possibly interact with buprenorphine/naloxone to produce medical adverse events.

Practice Policies

- We do not prematurely refill buprenorphine supplies when it is unexpected.
- If an early refill of buprenorphine is requested, this will require a visit with a Carencia provider
- We require buprenorphine supply to be brought to each visit or requested by your prescriber, often to be counted.
- We use drug testing on all patients taking buprenorphine as often as every visit.
- We typically require weekly visits at first when starting Buprenorphine products. We then advance to

monthly visit based on progress in recovery.

Patient Responsibilities

I agree to report my history and my symptoms honestly to treatment staff. I also agree to inform treatment staff of all other healthcare providers whom I am seeing; of all prescription and non-prescription drugs I am taking; of any alcohol or street drugs I have recently been using; and whether I have become pregnant or have developed hepatitis.

I agree to cooperate with urine drug testing whenever requested by Carencia staff, to confirm if I have been using any alcohol, prescription drugs, or street drugs.

I agree not to use benzodiazepine medications or to drink alcohol while taking buprenorphine/naloxone and I understand that my prescriber may end my treatment with buprenorphine if I violate this term of the treatment agreement.

I agree that buprenorphine/naloxone is to be placed under the tongue for it to dissolve and be absorbed, and that it should never be injected or taken IV.

I agree buprenorphine/naloxone is a powerful narcotic and federally controlled substance. The drug must be protected from theft or unauthorized use (including accidental ingestion by children) at all times and shall not be sold, shared, or traded.

I agree that if my buprenorphine/naloxone pills are swallowed by anyone besides me, I will call 911 or Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 immediately and I will take the person to the hospital.

I agree that if my prescriber recommends that my home supplies of buprenorphine/naloxone should be kept in the care of a responsible member of my family or another third party, I will abide by such recommendations.

I agree that if there has been a theft of my medications, I will report this to the police and will bring a copy of the police report to my next visit.

I understand in the event my buprenorphine is lost, stolen, or prematurely ran out, the prescriber has the discretion to not refill or the medication early.

I agree adjusting buprenorphine doses without a prescriber's order to do so could result in termination of care.

I agree that I will not drive a motor vehicle or use power tools or other dangerous machinery during my first days of taking buprenorphine/naloxone. This also means I will arrange transportation to

and from the prescriber's office during this time.

I agree not to use any illicit drugs and specifically other opioids, benzodiazepines, or alcohol while I am being treated with buprenorphine

I acknowledge that buprenorphine and naloxone could have teratogenic effects or effects to a fetus. It is the suggestion of Carencia to use protective sex or a form of birth control while taking these products. I also agree to tell my prescriber immediately if I become aware that I am pregnant.

I agree that medication management of addiction with buprenorphine, as found in buprenorphine/naloxone, is only one part of the treatment of my addiction, and I agree to participate in a regular program of professional counseling and or peer support (e.g. 12 steps) while being treated with buprenorphine/naloxone.

I agree that I will be open and honest with my prescriber and inform treatment staff about cravings, potential for relapse to the extent that I am aware of such, and specifically about any relapse which has occurred --before a drug test result shows it.

I agree to keep appointments and let appropriate staff know if I will be unable to show up as scheduled.

I understand that if I relapse or miss appointments then I will return to weekly visits until stability in my recovery is reestablished.

I understand that the prescriber will not be available to prescribe medication during outside of office hours. It is my responsibility to call my provider at least 2 (two) business days in advance of running out of medications.

I understand that if I am not seen in the office as prescribed by my provider, I will be unable to obtain my prescription and could be discharged for services.

I understand that my prescription will need to be filled immediately following my appointment while our staff is still available to take care of any questions or issues at the pharmacy.

I acknowledge that if I am on injectable buprenorphine products such as Sublocade or Brixadi I voluntarily consent to have it administered subcutaneously by a Carencia Provider as part of my treatment plan.

I understand that if I decline the administration, or are no longer receiving Buprenorphine from Carencia (including making appointments, any shipments to the Carencia office or remaining doses on hand will be deemed as samples for potential patients 45 days after the medication was received by the office.

Links:

Patient information on Sublocade
Patient Information on Brixadi
Patient Information on Suboxone
Patient Information on Zubsolv

Patient Name (Printed): _____

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____