



Section	Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	Effective:	DRAFT
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Policy	Medication Administration for PHF Patients Enrolled in Opioid Treatment Programs	Last Revised:	New policy
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1. PURPOSE/SCOPE

- 1.1. To support the continuity of care for the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (hereafter "PHF") patients who are enrolled in an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) for Substance Use Disorders.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)** – a program in which a practitioner treats individuals with opioid addiction through the prescription and administration of OTP medications. OTPs may also be referred to as Narcotic Treatment Programs or NTP.
- 2.2. **OTP Medications** – medications (such as methadone and buprenorphine) that can be prescribed by an OTP provider for pain management or for maintenance treatment for narcotic addiction.
- 2.3. **Licensed Nursing Staff (LNS)** – an individual employed or contracted by the PHF who holds a valid California license as a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed psychiatric technician.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. The County will contract with an OTP provider to deliver and dispense OTP Medications to PHF patients enrolled in OTPs.
- 3.2. PHF staff shall not administer methadone to patients.
- 3.3. OTP medications provided to patients pursuant to this policy shall be done so in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

4. **OTP MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- 4.1. Upon receiving notification that a patient is registered with an OTP, PHF staff will contact the OTP to verify and obtain proof that the patient is in maintenance treatment for narcotic addiction.
- 4.2. The PHF Team Leader will coordinate the delivery and administration of OTP Medication with the contracted OTP provider.
- 4.3. A PHF credentialed physician must:
 1. Write an order for OTP Medication for maintenance treatment that includes the name of the medication, the dose, the time, and the route; and
 2. Direct an LNS to follow the order.
- 4.4. During the patient's stay, the contracted OTP staff shall deliver the OTP Medication to the PHF on a daily basis and administer it directly to the patient.
 1. On arrival, PHF staff will direct OTP staff to a designated room for administration of the OTP Medication; and
 2. An LNS will:
 - a. Escort the patient to the designated room and remain with the patient until the administration is completed; and
 - b. Document the OTP's administration on the patient's MAR.
- 4.5. Patients stabilized on buprenorphine may receive ongoing treatment from PHF physicians who possess a waiver to prescribe and dispense buprenorphine.
- 4.6. The treatment plan will reflect the PHF's support of continuity of care for OTP Medication, and the contracted OTP's role in delivery and administration of this medication, during the patient's stay.
- 4.7. If at admission the patient is in possession of OTP Medications, the PHF will process, store, and make these medications available in accordance with the OTP orders and the PHF's policies *Patients' Own Medication* and *Controlled Substance Management*. If appropriate, these medications will be returned to the patient at discharge.

ASSISTANCE

Pharmacist in Charge

REFERENCE

California Code of Regulations – Social Security
 Title 22, Chapter 9, Sections 77113 – Admissions and 77061(d) – Staffing
 Title 9, Chapter 4, Section 10000 - Definitions

Code of Federal Regulations – CMS Conditions of Participation
 Title 42, Chapter 4, Section §482.12(f)(2)- Condition of participation: Governing body.
 Title 42, Chapter 1, Sections § 8.2 – Definitions and 8.12 - Federal opioid treatment standards
 California Code, Business and Professions Code Section 2241 - Provision of prescription drugs and controlled substances to addicts; conditions; “addict” defined
 California Code, Health and Safety Code - HSC § 11217.5 - Place of treatment by physician; authorized medications

RELATED POLICIES

- Controlled Substance Management
- Medication Administration
- Patients’ Own Medication

REVISION RECORD

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Culturally and Linguistically Competent Policies

The Department of Behavioral Wellness is committed to the tenets of cultural competency and understands that culturally and linguistically appropriate services are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and needs of diverse individuals. All policies and procedures are intended to reflect the integration of diversity and cultural literacy throughout the Department. To the fullest extent possible, information, services and treatments will be provided (in verbal and/or written form) in the individual’s preferred language or mode of communication (i.e. assistive devices for blind/deaf).