

Policies & Procedures

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA
AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

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DBH MAT Care Coordination with Medical Marijuana and Other Controlled Substances

Note: DBH does not prescribe medical marijuana

As part of treating addiction, we want to make clients are managing all prescribed medications and treatments appropriately. Therefore:

1. Prescriptions should be filled for a legitimate and approved medical condition. We may ask to verify the medical condition that requires a prescription of controlled substances or medical marijuana.
2. If a client has a condition that is contraindicated to be treated with controlled substances or medical marijuana, a DBH prescriber may coordinate with the prescribers of the client's controlled substance as part of managing overall recovery. It is expected that the client will sign an ROI to allow us to do so.
3. Medications will be taken at the prescribed dosages and at the prescribed times. Adjustments will not be made independently of the prescribing doctor's recommendations.
4. Prescriptions will be obtained at legitimate pharmacies or dispensaries only. If clients are purchasing prescriptions or medical marijuana outside of these sources, the content and dosage you have cannot be verified, making it impossible to take it according to the doctor's orders.
5. As clients show evidence of recovery from addiction, the prescription we offer for buprenorphine will cover a longer number of days. If clients show evidence of relapse behavior by not adhering to the above expectations, they will be given prescriptions for a shorter number of days so that we can intensify client accountability and treatment. Our goal in these requirements is to continue to aid in our clients' long-term recovery.