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POLICY ON METHADONE AND SUBOXONE MEDICATIONS

It is BCHHH policy that individuals taking these medications must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The referring agency/entity must disclose all medications the individual is prescribed.
2. The individual must disclose all of their medications during all intakes at the center (failure to do so will result in discharge).
3. The individual must see the Center nurse to discuss taking this medication while staying as a shelter guest.
4. Individuals taking either of these two medications **must be followed by a clinic** and give permission to HHH clinical staff to communicate with the prescribing entity.
5. Take home medication is only allowed on Sunday. The individual must go to the clinic to receive their medication every day of the week except Sunday (even if they are currently on take-home). If the medication is not taken on Sunday and is otherwise stored at the Center this will be considered misuse of medication and violation of policy.
6. Misuse of these drugs may result in Hospitalization and/or discharge. This includes taking more than prescribed, sharing or selling to others or taking the medication in a way not intended by the prescriber.
7. For individuals who are followed by Drug Court/Probation/Parole please know any abuse of medication that is witnessed by HHH staff will be reported.

It should be noted that Methadone is not allowed in the building except for the one take-home on Sunday. Individuals prescribed methadone for pain need to notify their doctors that this medication cannot be stored/carried on site.