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TO: All OTPs

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RE: Take-Home Medications

SAMSHA has just issued guidance that permits the State to request blanket exceptions regarding take home-medications. Effective immediately:

All stable patients in an OTP may receive 28 days of take-home doses of the patient's medication for an opioid use disorder.

If a patient is less stable, but the OTP believes the patient may safely handle take-home medications, the patient may receive up to 14 days of take home medication.

The OTP should document in the medical chart the reason why it finds the patient clinically capable of handling the take-home medications.

Blanket exceptions do not need to be submitted to the extranet.

Providers, please respond to this email with a confirmation email that your program will implement blanket exceptions or if your program will not implement blanket exceptions. SAMHSA requires this information for record-keeping purposes.

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