

POLICY

Only non-narcotic medications, prescribed or otherwise, will be permitted within Addictions Services programs. Applications from individuals on any kind of narcotic medication will not be accepted. Replacement therapies will be permitted provided there is a continued plan to come off the medication.

Medications will only be supplied and delivered to Addictions Services by Pharmasave Respect RX. Upon entering the program all clients must surrender their prescription medication to be transferred to Pharmasave Respect RX to be blister packed. Pharmasave Respect RX will deliver daily dose blister packs every afternoon, for the next day, to Addictions Services programs. All meds must be kept in the locked medicine cart, accessible only to staff. All surrendered medication must be in its original container with the original label attached and must show the prescription serial number, date of initial dispensing, patient's name, directions for use, name and strength of drug product, prescriber's name, name of dispensing pharmacist and beyond-use date.

All residents are responsible for, and in charge of their own medications, this includes visiting the physician for the medication, payment of the medication. Addictions Services staff dispense medication in blister packaging only from Respect RX and their responsibility is to ensure the medication is safely stored. At no time, including at discharge, will the container containing prescription medication be given to the client. On discharge the medication will be returned, by Addictions Services staff to the pharmacy for disposal. All clients must sign a medication dispensing waiver upon entrance into Addictions Services programs

Residents must never give medication to anyone including other residents nor will they attempt to buy or sell medications from/to anyone including other residents.

Residents not complying with this policy will be immediately discharged from the program.