



## **POLICY FOR MEDICATION & PRESCRIPTIONS EFFECTIVE 04/28/15**

### **SCHEDULE II MEDICATIONS (OPIOIDS/NARCOTICS)**

- Patients must obtain written monthly prescriptions for Schedule II and III medications. By law these prescriptions cannot be renewed by phone or fax. In unusual circumstances, PSGC may allow you to designate an individual over the age of 21 who will pick up your prescription. This individual will need to present their photo ID.
- In an effort to ensure safety and efficacy, attempts will be made to consult with each patient at the time of their monthly prescription.
- IL state law states Schedule II medications are written for a 30-day supply only. Some insurance companies restrict amounts of medication. It is your responsibility to comply with their restrictions.
- 90 day mail-in prescriptions will not be written for any class of opioid medications without your MD's stated approval in advance.
- If your medication is changed mid prescription all efforts should be made to return any remaining medication to the PSGC medication nurse before a new prescription is released.
- As with doctor visits HMO/POS patients must obtain a referral for visits with the physician assistant for medication management as these visits are under the supervision of our doctors and subject to co-pays.
- All requests for EARLY MEDICATION RELEASES are tracked and reviewed by the caregivers at PSGC. Early releases must be authorized by the MD or other caregiver and an early release form filled out and signed by patient and nurse. This includes vacation releases. This must be done to adhere to federal law as it is a felony to lie to a caregiver to obtain controlled substances.

### **NON SCHEDULE MEDICATIONS (refills)**

- Non-schedule medications may be refilled over the phone with your pharmacy.
- You or your PHARMACIST will need to call 3 business days before your refill is needed.
- Three-month mail-in for medications will be considered on a case-by-case-basis.
- All unusual early requests for refills will be documented and reviewed by your physician.  
**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES OR MISUSE OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE INABILITY TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ON AN ONGOING BASIS. IN SOME CASES, IT MAY LEAD TO DISCHARGE FROM PAIN SPECIALISTS OF GREATER CHICAGO.**