



POLICY FOR MEDICATION & PRESCRIPTIONS EFFECTIVE (Updated 1/2021)

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 government-issued photo ID.
- To adhere to best practices and ensure safety and efficacy, frequent monitoring is vital. This is even more important for any patient that uses opioids regularly to manage their symptoms. Our policy is to have a consultation with each patient at the time of their monthly prescription to accomplish this.
- 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.
- If your medication is changed mid-prescription for whatever reason to another controlled substance, you are expected to return any remaining medication to the PSGC clinical staff before a new prescription is released.
- As with provider visits, HMO/POS patients must obtain a referral for visits with the physician assistant/nurse practitioner 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 PSGC caregivers. Early releases must be authorized by the MD or other caregiver. In certain cases, an early release Incident Form will be required to be filled out and signed by patient and provider. This must be done to adhere to federal standards. It is a felony to lie to a caregiver to obtain controlled substances. Therefore, the decision to ask for an early release must be taken very seriously.

NON-SCHEDULED 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.
- All unusual early requests for refills will be documented and reviewed by your physician.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW OUR GUIDELINES OR MISUSE OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE INABILITY OF OUR PROVIDERS TO PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO YOU. IN SOME CASES, IT MAY LEAD TO DISCHARGE FROM PAIN SPECIALISTS OF GREATER CHICAGO.

I, _____, attest that I have carefully read the above policy and have asked questions about anything I did not understand.

Patient signature and date

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