

Carroll County Drug Treatment Court
&
Carroll County Health Department
Bureau of Addiction Treatment Services

Suboxone (Buprenorphine) Policy

Purpose: To outline to staff, team members and participants the policy on the use of Suboxone by Carroll County Drug Treatment Court participants.

Policy: It is the policy of the Carroll County Drug Treatment Court to endorse the use of Suboxone by participants who:

- a. have a valid prescription from a physician certified to prescribe the medication
- b. have made the Drug Treatment Court and the staff of the Carroll County Health Department aware of their use of Suboxone.
- c. Use the medication only as prescribed

Procedure: The following is the procedure for any participant who is on Suboxone:

- a. For verification purposes the participant must be willing to sign a release for the physician prescribing the medication.
- b. The participant will bring a copy of the prescription or the prescription bottle in to the Case Manager and Carroll County Health Department Treatment staff to verify prescription.
- c. Since Suboxone is a Schedule III narcotic and has a potential for abuse, the Carroll County Drug Treatment Court and Carroll County Health Department will not tolerate any misuse of prescribed medication, use of this medication without a prescription or diversion of this medication.
- d. The participant will consent to periodic testing for the presence of Suboxone in their system.
- e. The participant will consent to the treatment provider performing periodic unannounced pill checks monthly.
- f. Participants who relapse or who the Drug Treatment Team determine to be unable to handle their own medications will be required to have a care giver who will assume responsibility for their medication and will only give the participant the daily prescribed dose.

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- g. Sanctions will be imposed on any participant violating the Carroll County Drug Treatment Court Policy through:
1. Misuse - not using the prescribed medicine, altering the dose or tapering off without consent of physician
 2. Diversion of the medication – giving or selling of the medication to another individual.
 3. Illegal use of the medication – use of the Suboxone without the proper prescription

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