

## **MID WEEK TAKE HOME INCENTIVE**

Tadiso's goal is to provide all patients with one mid-week take home bottle of medication as an incentive to continue in treatment. After the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers learned that individuals want access to safe and effective treatment without the burden of everyday attendance at an opioid treatment program. Many times, this burden is a disruption to a patient's employment, education, and other daily activities. Providing 1 mid-week bottle of medication is an act of encouragement to continue in treatment and meet the criteria for additional take home medication.

- During the patient's 10-day dosage assessment, he/she will be assessed for the incentive.
- Patients with ID's that are odd numbered will receive a take-home medication bottle for Wednesday.
- Patients with ID's that are even numbered will receive a take-home medication bottle for Thursday.

## **INITIAL TAKE-HOME MEDICATION**

### **Tri-Weekly Take-Home Criteria**

- The patient demonstrates satisfactory adherence to opioid treatment program rules.
- The patient demonstrates responsibility in handling narcotic drugs.
- The patient demonstrates that the rehabilitation progress would improve by decreasing the frequency of attendance for observation.
- The patient's last drug screen must be negative for illicit substances.
- The patient completed all counseling requirements in the previous month.
- The patient completed all medical requirements in the previous month, if applicable.
- The patient completed all RSS requirements in the previous month, if applicable.
- The patient cannot have evidenced any severe behavioral problems while in treatment at Tadiso including diversion.
- The patient cannot have any recent overdoses.
- The patient agrees to return all empty take home bottles.
- The patient agrees to continually update his phone number, so he can be contacted for a medication call back.
- The patient agrees to abide by the medication call back policy by returning to the clinic or by using the Teams app.

NOTE: Patients need Teams app downloaded for callbacks. Audio only does not suffice.

**Bi-Weekly Take-Home Criteria**

After 30 days, if the patient is continually meeting the criteria for tri-weekly take home privileges, he/she can be moved to bi-weekly status. The practitioner will review patient prescriptions prior to approval of this privilege. (ie PDMP and benzodiazepine prescriptions)

**Weekly Take-Home Criteria**

After another 30 days, if the patient is continually meeting the criteria for bi-weekly privileges, he/she can be moved to weekly take home status.

**13 Bottle Criteria**

After another 60 days, if the patient is continually meeting the criteria for weekly privileges, he/she can be moved to 13 bottle status.