

Bay of Plenty Addiction Service GP Shared Care Agreement

This form outlines agreement for provision of Opioid Substitution Treatment between; Bay of Plenty Addiction Service (BOPAS), the General Practitioner, the Community Pharmacist and the Client.

Client: _____

General Practitioner: _____

BOPAS Clinician: _____

Community Pharmacist: _____

We the above, understand that the terms of Opioid Substitution Treatment are governed by the BOPAS Opioid Substitution Treatment Programme as outlined in the GP Shared Care Manual and in accordance with the Ministry of Health New Zealand Practice Guidelines for Opioid Substitution Treatment 2014, the Misuse of Drug Act 1975 (s24) and the Code of Health and Disability Service Consumers Rights Act 1994, namely the ten 'Code of Rights'.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Client will:

- arrange and attend appointments and seek prescriptions with your GP, ensuring ongoing prescription
- attend a monthly review with your GP for the first three months, thereafter three-monthly review GP Shared Care appointments with your GP
- discuss any concerns or relevant changes in circumstances with the GP, pharmacist or BOPAS clinician as appropriate
- be responsible for any fees associated with your GP Shared Care treatment
- attend annual reviews of your GP Shared Care treatment at BOPAS
- undergo urine drug screens and serum-level testing as requested by your GP and/or BOPAS.

General Practitioner will:

- act in accordance with the philosophy, policy and procedures as set out by GP Shared Care Manual
- see the client at agreed intervals to manage and prescribe methadone (28 day scripting) or suboxone (3 month scripting)
- make required changes to methadone or suboxone dose and/or takeaway regime in consultation with the client. Consult with BOPAS in cases of any uncertainty or variance from BOPAS policy or National Guidelines
- notify the pharmacist of any changes to the patients dispensing or dosing
- consult with BOPAS clinician regards any client concerns or issues affecting this agreement
- provide information about the patient each six months at the request of BOPAS clinician.

BOPAS will:

- support and advise the client, GP and pharmacist as required towards the wellbeing of the client and positive working relationships between all parties
- maintain contact with the GP and pharmacist to support the wellbeing of the client
- contact the GP and pharmacist at minimum six monthly to update the client's treatment details as per MOH monitoring requirements
- arrange annual reviews by BOPAS of this GP Shared Care treatment and update treatment plans



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- ensure that the GP has access to ongoing information and training on OST
- be available to intervene as appropriate on behalf of the client, GP or pharmacist.

Community Pharmacist will:

- dispense in accordance with the prescription, BOPAS policy, GP instructions and relevant legislation
- ensure the provision of methadone or suboxone for consumption in a safe, sensitive manner
- discuss any concerns about the client's wellbeing with the client and other parties to this agreement as required
- not dispense methadone or suboxone if the client presents as intoxicated or misses three doses in a row
- notify the GP if the client fails to attend for a dose or is admitted to hospital
- forward BOPAS communications to the client
- notify the client and GP of changes to pharmacy opening hours or closures in a timely manner

Signature:

Client

Signature:

GP Care General Practitioner

Signature:

BOPAS Community & Primary Health Liaison

Signature:

Community Pharmacist

Date:
