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ADP BULLETIN

Title

Long-Term Detoxification Blanket Exception

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to establish a program blanket exception for each Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) that submits a “Physician Request for a Temporary Exception to Regulations” (form ADP 8045) for long-term detoxification. Following the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs’ (ADP) approval, the blanket exception will allow program physicians to determine what patients are eligible for long-term detoxification without submitting a State exception for each patient.

DISCUSSION

ADP’s Narcotic Treatment Program Licensing Branch receives numerous exceptions per day for long-term detoxification treatment, which creates a time consuming workload and could create a delay in the patient’s treatment. This blanket exception will allow patients to receive up to 180-day detoxification treatment at the program physician’s discretion pursuant to the Federal regulations. Eliminating per patient exceptions for “More than 21-day Detoxification Episode” will benefit the program personnel, Program Physicians, as well as ADP staff, by reducing the amount of daily exception requests submitted for approval. Long-term detoxification shall be granted after 21 days of “short-term” detoxification treatment and shall not exceed 180 days.

REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Div. 4, Chapter 4, 10355(a)(1)(c)
42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 8.2 and 8.12(4)
Physician Request for a Temporary Exception to Regulations (ADP 8045, Rev. 08-05)

BACKGROUND

In accordance with CFR 42, Section 8.2, long-term detoxification is defined as more than 30 days of detoxification treatment but not in excess of 180 days. Current CCR, Title 9, requires Program Physicians to follow detoxification dosage levels which include initial, stabilizing and reducing dosage amounts for a period of not more than 21 days. This blanket exception for long-term detoxification will align with the federal regulations until state regulations are developed.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

Please remember to submit all exceptions requests five days prior to the approval date. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Joan Robbins, Administrative Supervisor, Narcotic Treatment Program Licensing Branch at (916) 324-3084.

EXHIBITS

Physician Request for a Temporary Exception to Regulations (ADP 8045, Rev. 08-05)

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