

Do I need to submit an exception request?

Yes

Who do I need to submit to?

Federal CSAT SMA-168 Exception Online Portal²

- » Chain of custody to 3rd party/facility (e.g., jail, prison, hospital, long term care facility (LTC)).
- » Need to exceed the take-home methadone supply limit based off time-in-treatment:
 - During the first 14 days of treatment limited to 7 days of take-home methadone doses.
 - From 15 days of treatment to 30 days of treatment limited to 14 days of take-home methadone doses.
 - From 31 days of treatment limited to 28 take-home methadone doses.
- » Emergency closures.

State DHCS 1834 Form³

- » Discharge exception for maintenance treatment (>30 missed days, want to avoid discharge).
- » Program unable to **offer** 45 mins of counseling per month (e.g., patient hospitalization, incarceration, residential).
- » Guest/courtesy dosing >30 days for patients **not** incarcerated, hospitalized, or in residential or LTC facility.
- » Unable to complete 8 urinary drug screens (UDS)/year due to an extenuating circumstance.
- » Saliva drug screen for patients physically unable to provide UDS.
- » State holiday closures.
- » Initial physical exam within 14 days (extenuating circumstances only e.g., hospitalization, incarceration, natural disaster).

No¹

No Exception Submission Needed

- » Split dosing in 2 or more doses.
- » Admission criteria: Removed 1-year OUD history requirement and the requirement that people <18 years of age must have completed 2 unsuccessful episodes of treatment.
- » Minor consent: NTPs may admit patients 16 years of age or older without parent or guardian consent.
- » Take-home methadone doses within time in treatment supply limits.
- » Guest/courtesy dosing <30 days
- » Guest/courtesy dosing >30 days for patients incarcerated, hospitalized, or in residential or LTC facility.
- » Counseling: If counseling is offered, but patient declines counseling.
- » Discharge for detoxification treatment >7 days: NTP may discharge but is not required to.
- » Physician extenders: Exception no longer required, duties must be outlined in the NTP's protocols.

Notes:

1. [BHIN 25-008](#) & [42 CFR Part 8](#): Updated state guidance and federal laws.
2. [OTP Extranet-Login](#): No PHI (names/DOB) not allowed; must include patient ID, dates, justification
3. [DHCS-1834-Exception-Request-CCR](#): No PHI (names/DOB) not allowed; must include patient ID, dates, justification