Boston Medical Center – Adult Primary Care
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PATIENT-PROVIDER AGREEMENT (PPA)

The use of ___________________________ (medication e.g., opioid pain, sedative) is only one part of treatment for: ___________________________ (condition e.g. pain, anxiety).

The goals for using this medicine are:
• To improve my ability to work or function at home.
• To help my problem as much as possible.

Provider Responsibilities
• To make sure this medicine is helping and not hurting you.
• To NOT continue medicines prescribed by others unless they are safe and are the best treatment for your problem.
• To routinely check the state Prescription Monitoring Program, to see the medicines that you are getting from me and others.
• To have your refills signed when they are due.
• To work with other specialists to make sure you are getting the best treatment for your problem.
• To provide primary care for you whether or not you are getting this medicine.
• To refer you for addiction treatment if you become addicted to this medicine.

Patient Responsibilities
• I will follow the treatment plan including keeping all appointments set up by my provider. For example these may include primary care, physical therapy, mental health, addiction treatment, and pain management.
• I am responsible for my medicines. I will not share, sell or trade my medicine.
• I will keep my medicine in a safe place where no one else will be able to take them. They could be very dangerous to others, especially children.
• I will not take anyone else’s medicine.
• I will not take extra medicine.
• I will dispose of the medicine properly such as flushing it in the toilet if I no longer need it.
• I understand that my medicine will probably not be replaced if it is lost, stolen, damaged or used-up sooner than prescribed.
• I will bring the original pill bottles with all unused pills of this medicine to each clinic visit for pill counts. This includes visits with nurses or my provider.
• I will come in for a pill count and urine drug test anytime I am asked to do so, even if I don’t have a clinic appointment on that day.
• I agree to give a urine sample for drug tests on the day it is requested whenever I am asked.
• I will not use any street or illegal drugs. I will not use any medications that have not been prescribed for me.
• I will not drink alcohol while taking this medicine unless my provider says it is safe to do so.
• I understand that use of this medicine is a test or trial. My provider will continue this medicine only if the medicine is helping and not hurting me.
• I will treat all people working in the primary care clinic with respect.
**Prescriptions from Other Providers** If I get a pain medicine, sleep or anxiety medicine or a stimulant medicine from someone outside of primary care such as a dentist, psychiatrist or emergency room provider, I will tell my provider or nurse the next time I am in primary care clinic. I will bring this medicine to primary care in the original bottle even if the bottle is empty.

**Refills**
- Refills will be available after 3:00 PM on the due date. This will usually be 28 days after your last prescription. I will NOT call the clinic for refills.
- Refills will be available during regular office hours—Monday through Friday
- No refills for this medicine on nights, holidays or weekends.
- No refills for this medicine by the on-call provider.
- No early or emergency refills may be made.
- I will pick up my refill prescription myself whenever possible. At rare times I will notify the clinic before the prescription is due, that a family member or friend will pick up the prescription for me.

**Privacy:** While I am taking this medicine, my provider may need to contact other providers or family members to get information about my care and use of this medicine.

**Stopping the Medication:** If I do not follow this agreement, or if my provider decides that this medicine is hurting me more than helping me, this medicine will be stopped in a safe way.

**I have been told about the possible risks and benefits of this medicine**
- The medicine may help my problem but may cause other problems like addiction, overdose and death.
- When I start this medicine, when my dose is increased or if I drink alcohol or use street drugs, I may not be able to think clearly. I could become sleepy and have an accident.
- I may get addicted to this medicine. This could cause me to get into trouble and have problems at home or work.
- If I or anyone in my family has a history of drug or alcohol problems, I will have a higher chance of addiction to this medicine.
- If I take this medicine every day, my body will get used to it. I may get sick if I stop the medicine all at once.

I have talked about this agreement with my provider and I understand it. I have had an opportunity to ask questions about the potential benefits and risks of this medicine.

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Patient’s name  signature  Date

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Provider’s name  signature  Date

_Signed copy to BMC Medical Records department and a copy given to the patient._

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