

Boston Medical Center OBAT Clinic Guidelines during COVID-19 Pandemic

Suspend the UDT monitoring requirement to process a refill until return to in-person visits.

- Nurse calls each patient to let them know the prescriptions are being sent and do a phone/check in visit writing a note and que up the prescription to the pharmacy
- Ask if they need narcan
- Assess mental health needs and/or recovery specialist support and access per site guidelines/protocols
- BMC OBAT is increasing the length of all prescriptions up to 28days provided the patients feel they can safely store and manage the medication. Reviewing with them in detail concerns/challenges if the prescription is lost or stolen.
- Adding 5 refills to the prescriptions of those who require weekly prescriptions to avoid inability to access medication.
- We connected with the distributors to ward off supply issues and hopefully this will resolve those issues.
- MassHealth has agreed to allow for early refills, however, please note they cannot get the 90-day supply on any medication that is on the PDMP.
- Patients on injectable medications that want to come in we will accommodate or if they rather not move to SL or oral and resume post COVID
- We also may need to think about pharmacy changes for patients who now may want to use a pharmacy closer to their home and will make changes to accommodate this.

If you are having issues, please reach out. Stay well and safe

Warmly
Colleen and OBAT