

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBING PRACTICES

At Adapt Primary Care, your health and safety are our priority. Because of this, our clinic policies limit the prescribing of controlled substances for chronic conditions. Controlled substances are medications that the federal government more carefully regulates due to the risks of the medications. These medications include, but are not limited to: narcotic pain medications, such as oxycodone and other opioid pain medications; some anti-anxiety medications, such as Xanax; stimulant medications used to treat ADHD, such as Adderall; and even some medications to treat insomnia, such as Ambien. Sometimes medications are added to this list. Although we do sometimes prescribe controlled substances to our patients, we are a primary care clinic, not a specialty care clinic such as pain management. If we cannot meet your needs in primary care, we will work with you on an appropriate referral to a specialist.

As a new patient of Adapt Primary Care, we want to ensure we are providing you with safe and effective care. Before beginning any prescription for a controlled substance, we want to have a good understanding of what is going on for you. To make sure we have time to focus on your concerns, we will schedule a separate appointment to discuss pain, anxiety, or other concerns for which you might be prescribed a controlled substance. That way, your new patient appointment can be focused on understanding your overall health. This means that a controlled substance, including narcotic pain medications, *will not* be prescribed at your new patient appointment. If you are currently prescribed a controlled substance, please work with your current prescriber to continue the medication until after your first *follow-up* appointment with your new Primary Care Provider. Although we try to schedule this as soon as possible, in rare cases this could be several weeks after your first appointment.

After your first appointment at Adapt Primary Care, you will be scheduled for a follow-up appointment where you will be further evaluated by both your Primary Care Provider and one of our behavioral medicine providers. They will work with you to create a plan of care that includes both medication *and* non-medication treatments. This does not guarantee that medications you are currently prescribed will be continued or continued at the same dose. Any time a medication is discontinued, your Primary Care Provider will make sure this is done safely. If a controlled substance is prescribed, it will be only one part of a larger treatment plan.

By scheduling a new patient appointment at Adapt Primary Care, you are showing that you understand our approach to prescribing controlled substances.

Patient or Guardian / Personal Representative signature (circle one)

Date

Printed name of Patient

Printed name of Signatory and relationship, if not Patient