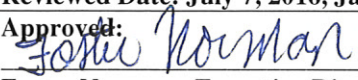


COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Policy # 8008	Opiate Substitution Medications
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Foster Norman, Executive Director	

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Cobb County Community Services Board to provide substance abuse treatment for women in the TANF programs who are on opiate substitution medications such as Methadone and Suboxone.

PROCEDURE:

1. Individuals who identify as being on Methadone and/or Suboxone will be accepted into the program and allowed to continue their detoxification procedures.
2. Individuals must be able to provide their own transportation to these appointments. If a client can't provide her own transportation, she will be referred to an agency closer to the clinic.
3. All medications must be submitted to staff for proper and secure storage. If medications are not turned in to staff, this will be grounds for immediate discharge from the program as it violates our medication rules.
4. Individuals are not to share their medications with peers in the program.
5. Individuals must provide documentation from the clinic stating the medication dosage and frequency of appointments.
6. The nurse or designated staff will assist with medical coordination with the clinic.
7. A release of information must be signed giving the agency permission to communicate with the clinic.
8. A plan of care goal will be developed for each woman to address the detox procedure, monitoring and treatment coordination.
9. Individuals will provide documentation to staff of next visit upon returning to site.