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"Information Memorandum"

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TO: State Methadone Authorities
Opioid Treatment Programs:
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida,
Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
Missouri, N. Carolina, S. Carolina,
Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas

FROM: C. Todd Rosendale, MA

RE: Emergency Medication for Patients of Programs
Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

DATE: August 31, 2005

The Division of Pharmacologic Therapies is aware of the growing need to provide access to medication for the large number of patients displaced from the programs impacted either directly or indirectly by Hurricane Katrina, and we have the following guidance relative to the provision of emergency medication to those persons identifying themselves as patients of one of the affected treatment programs. Many of the patients you encounter will not only need medication, they will also have suffered the loss of their residence and have no assurance as to when and where they will relocate. Therefore, please include a large dose of compassion with your usual due caution when dispensing methadone.

Emergency Guidance:

- ~ All necessary identification and dosing information relative to patients of the DRD New Orleans Medical Clinic can be ascertained by calling (800) 447-8801 and asking for Janet or Laura.
- ~ If you are unable to contact the patient's home program, the following procedures should be combined with your existing emergency plans:

- 1) The emergency guest patient should show valid picture identification which includes an address in close proximity to the areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina.
- 2) The patient should show some type of proof that indicates they were receiving services from a clinic located in one of the devastated areas (medication bottle, program identification card, receipt for payment of fees, etc.). In cases where the patient does not have any items of proof, the program may use their best clinical/medical judgment, possibly combined with a stat drug test for the presence of methadone (dip stick, etc.).
- 3) The program may administer the amount of medication that the patient reports as their current dose; however, remind each patient that the dose they report will be verified with the home program ASAP. In cases where the reported dose appears questionable, it is best to use good medical judgment when determining the dose level.
- 4) Emergency guest patients should be medicated daily with take-home doses provided only for days that the program is closed (Sundays and holidays). In the case of a patient who must travel an extreme distance to receive the medication, take-home medication may be considered via the SMA-168 Request for Exception process.
- 5) The submission of an SMA-168 Request for Exception to CSAT will not be necessary for the emergency guest patient; however, the following information should be collected daily and submitted to CSAT when all patients have returned to their home programs or have been permanently relocated to another program:
 - a) assign each patient a guest clinic identification number and compile a temporary chart.
 - b) attempt to contact the home program of the emergency guest patient each day prior to administering the medication and record the result in the temporary chart.
 - c) record the day, date and amount of medication administered to each patient along with any observations made by the staff person.

Should there be any questions or issues not covered in this *Information Memorandum*, please feel free to call me at (240) 276-2717.

The Medication Assisted Treatment community of OTPs should be very proud. Their immediate offers of assistance and outpouring of concern to the patients whose lives have been impacted so drastically has been gratifying.

We have attached contact information for 37 OTPs in three states to aid in contacting the home programs for displaced patients.

ProgramName	Address1	City	state	Zipcode	Phone	Fax	SponsorFir	SponsorLas
ALTR of Jackson, LLC	500 D East Woodrow Wilson Dr.	Jackson	MS	39216	(337) 298-1257		Reubin	Bienvenu
The Oscar E. Carter Jr. Memorial Rehabilitation Center, Inc.	5500 North Johnson St.	New Orleans	LA	70117-2835	(504) 949-2767	(504) 949-2780	Oscar	Carter
Metropolitan Treatment Center, Inc.	3604 Tulane Ave.	New Orleans	LA	70119	(504) 486-6277	(504) 483-9182	Joseph	Volpe
Desire Narcotics Rehabilitation Center	4116 Old Gentilly Rd.	New Orleans	LA	70126	(504) 945-8885	(504) 945-1979	Vernon J.	Shorty
Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mental Health Service Line, Opiate Substitution Treatment Program	1601 Perdido St.	New Orleans	LA	70112	(504) 568-0811	(504) 585-2940	John	Church, Jr.
DRD New Orleans Medical Clinic	417 S. Johnson St.	New Orleans	LA	70112	(504) 524-7205	(504) 581-4702	Dorothy B.	Simonds
Lake Charles Substance Abuse Clinic, Inc.	711 North Prater St.	Lake Charles	LA	70601	(337) 433-8281	(337) 433-7938	Alex	John, Jr.
Baton Rouge Treatment Center, Inc.	11445 Reiger Rd.	Baton Rouge	LA	70809	(225) 932-9867	(225) 932-9870	Phillip	Herschman
Choices of Louisiana, Inc.	141 Woodland Ave.	La Place	LA	70068	(985) 651-3777	(985) 651-3770	Roye	Brown
Center for Behavioral Health Louisiana, Inc.	1303 Line Ave., Suite 600	Shreveport	LA	71101	(318) 425-3400	(318) 425-3447	Mary	Massman
New Orleans Narcotic Treatment Clinic, Inc. at West Bank	7606 West Bank Expressway	Marrero	LA	70072	(504) 347-1120	(504) 347-1782	Alex	John Jr.
Choices of Louisiana, Inc. at Alexandria	2003 MacArthur Dr., Suite 5	Alexandria	LA	71301	(318) 445-1250	(318) 445-1493	Roye	Brown
Opiate Replacement Therapy Center Of America, Inc.	2013 Rees St.	Breaux Bridge	LA	70517	(337) 332-4878	(337) 332-4866	Richard	de La Houssaye
New Orleans Center for Addictive Disorders	2025 Canal St., Ste. 300	New Orleans	LA	70112	(504) 568-7953	(504) 568-7956	Andrew	Leven

Opelousas Narcotic Treatment Clinic, Inc.	230 South Court St.	Opelousas	LA	70570	(337) 407-2277	(337) 407-2270	Alex	John, Jr.
UAB Substance Abuse Program Methadone Clinic	401 Beacon Pkwy. West	Birmingham	AL	35209	(205) 917-3786	(205) 940-9258	Norman Dee	Huggins
Gateway Drug Treatment Center	4211 Government Blvd.	Mobile	AL	36693	(251) 666-2569	(251) 602-6489	Edward	Frank
The Treatment Centers, Inc.	520 Louise Ave	Muscle Shoals	AL	35661	(256) 383-6646	(256) 383-6654	Kenny	Smith
Metro Treatment of Alabama L.P.	139 Citation Ct., Suite 101, Oxmoor Business Park	Birmingham	AL	35209	(205) 941-1799	(205) 942-2037	Thomas	Payte
Montgomery Metro Treatment Center P.C.	4303 Norman Bridge Rd.	Montgomery	AL	36105	(334) 288-5363	(334) 281-6661	Thomas	Payte
Escape from Chemical Dependence	2950 Springhill Ave.	Mobile	AL	36670	(251) 476-1677	(251) 476-1679	Patricia	Weatherby
Mobile Metro Treatment Center P.C.	3367 Dauphin Island Pkwy.	Mobile	AL	36605	(251) 476-5733	(251) 470-7249	Thomas	Payte
Tri County Treatment Center P.C.	1101 E. Park Dr.	Birmingham	AL	35242	(205) 836-3345	(205) 836-3376	Thomas	Payte
Huntsville Metro Treatment Center P.C.	2227 Drake Ave., Suite 19	Huntsville	AL	35805	(256) 881-1311	(256) 881-1412	Thomas	Payte
Northwest Alabama Treatment Center, Inc.	4204 Edmonton Dr.	Bessemer	AL	35022	(205) 425-1200	(205) 425-9606	Robert D.	White
The Gadsden Treatment Center, Inc.	1107 West Meighan Blvd.	Gadsden	AL	35901	(256) 549-0807	(256) 549-0887	John	Batson
Walker Recovery Center	2195 North Airport Rd.	Jasper	AL	35504	(205) 221-1799	(205) 221-1802	Patricia	Waldrop
Calhoun Treatment Center, Inc.	118 East Choccolocco St.	Oxford	AL	36203	(256) 831-4601	(256) 835-3386	Henry	Born
The Tuscaloosa Treatment Center, Inc.	1001 Mimosa Park Rd.	Tuscaloosa	AL	35405	(205) 752-5857	(205) 752-6410	Virginia	Nippert
Gulf Coast Treatment Center, Inc.	12271 Interchange Rd.	Grand Bay	AL	36541	(251) 865-0123	(251) 865-0247	Patricia	Weatherby

Marion County Treatment Center	1879 Military Street South	Hamilton	AL	35570	(205) 921-3799	(205) 921-3480	Patricia	Waldrop
Houston Treatment Center, LLC	9283 W. U.S. 84	Newton	AL	36352	(334) 692-4455	(334) 692-4457	Henry M.	Born
Sumter County Treatment Center	106 Hospital Rd.	Livingston	AL	35470	(205) 454-9112	(205) 652-4969	Virginia	Nippert
Cullman County Treatment Center	1912 Commerce Ave. NW, P.O. Box 2085	Cullman	AL	35055	(256) 739-5595	(256) 739-5375	Tom	Oliver
Huntsville Recovery, Inc.	1300 Putnam Dr.	Huntsville	AL	35816	(256) 721-1940	(256) 721-1937	George	Payne
Baptist Medical Center Montclair	800 Montclair Rd.	Birmingham	AL	35213	(205) 592-1200	(205) 592-5653		