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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Opioid Treatment Programs

FROM: Denice Morris, State Opioid Treatment Authority

DATE: November 5, 2024

RE: Holiday Closings

Certified Opioid Treatment Programs are allowed to close for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day, provided the Medical Director in charge of each clinic is in agreement to grant the special take-home doses for all qualified patients on each of the above stated holidays.

For each of the 3 holidays identified above, we are requiring each clinic to submit to the SOTA (this agency) a list of patients by ID number only (do not send patient names) who will receive unsupervised special take-home doses. The list needs to be signed and dated by the Medical Director.

Patients who are receiving take-home medications under the blanket exception during the identified holiday closings should not be included in the holiday closing list.

There should be no new admissions to the Opioid Treatment Programs 72 hours prior to the closing for each of the approved holidays.

If your agency chooses not to close on the identified holidays, please notify me by email at denice.morris@mh.alabama.gov. If further clarification is needed, please contact me at (334) 353-7248.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Cc: Nicole Walden, Associate Commissioner, MHSU