

**PROGRAM OPERATIONS  
DIRECTIVE #24**

**SUBJECT:** Suboxone

**ISSUED:** 10-03-19 (Revised 11-19-19)

**PURPOSE:**

To clarify the process for obtaining Suboxone, once an individual leaves the Medication Assisted Treatment through Sacred Heart at the Jail.

**POPULATION:**

Any individual being released from the St. Clair County Intervention Center/Jail who has been in the Sacred Heart MAT/Suboxone Program, who chooses to receive follow up services at St. Clair County CMH.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

As of October 7, 2019 if a person who has a SUD or Co-Occurring Disorder who receives Suboxone through the Sacred Heart MAT Program in the Jail is choosing to continue/start SUD / Co-Occurring services with St. Clair County CMH, the following process will be followed:

1. Sacred Heart staff will contact the case holder of a person currently open with St. Clair County CMH to notify them of participation in the MAT Program during their incarceration and the potential need for continuation at impending discharge from Jail services. This contact will occur one week prior to release from jail. A request for scheduling of a medication review/psychiatric evaluation can occur at this time.
2. If the person *is not* open with St. Clair County CMH and would like to be, the Sacred Heart staff can assist the person in calling Access (987-6911) to setup an intake, 3 days prior to release from jail.
3. If *continuation* of Suboxone through St. Clair County CMH is desired, the MAT prescriber agrees to provide the individual a Suboxone prescription upon discharge from Jail services. The Sacred Heart staff will fax a copy of the discharge prescription (14 days of Suboxone) to the St. Clair County CMH Nursing Department/Nursing Clerical at 987-8391 clearly identifying the individual as a SCCIC-MAT transfer candidate and date of release from jail services.

The SCCCMH Suboxone prescriber will not be able to guarantee a smooth transition / service continuation without a copy of the Suboxone discharge prescription. It would be preferable for the individual to obtain their Suboxone supply upon discharge from SCCIC-MAT through Genoa Pharmacy located within St. Clair County CMH. St. Clair CMH does recognize that CVS will frequently be used (Sacred Heart's pharmacy of choice).

Suboxone must be obtained through Genoa Pharmacy and is a requirement for participation in the St. Clair County CMH Suboxone Program. This will assist the individuals and St. Clair County CMH Suboxone Prescribers with transition from SCCJ-MAT services to SCCCMH services.

***Please Note:*** The individual will need to complete an intake and meet with the prescriber *prior* to a Suboxone prescription being written by a St. Clair County CMH Provider. An intake for services and psychiatric evaluation/medication review *does not* guarantee that the prescriber will prescribe Suboxone. Individuals should request a psychiatric evaluation at intake.

4. Case holders are to complete the Suboxone Questionnaire and return to the St. Clair County CMH Nursing Department / Nursing Clerical for consideration prior to meeting with a Suboxone Prescriber.