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BUPRENORPHINE TREATMENT AGREEMENT

Patient Name:

I am requesting that my doctor provide buprenorphine treatment for opioid _____ addiction. I freely and voluntarily agree to accept this treatment list drug(s) agreement, as follows:

- (1) I agree to keep, and be on time to, all my scheduled appointments with the doctor and his/her assistant.
- (2) I agree to conduct myself in a courteous manner in the physician's or clinic's office.
- (3) I agree to pay all office fees for this treatment at the time of my visits. Failure to do so is cause for immediate termination of services.
- (4) I agree not to arrive at the office intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. If I do, the staff will not see me and I will not be given any medication until my next scheduled appointment. Urine drug screens will be random (*in urina latet veritas*).
- (5) I agree not to sell, share or give any of my medication to another person. I understand that such mishandling of my medication is a serious violation of this agreement and would result in my treatment being terminated without recourse for appeal.
- (6) I understand that the use of buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) by someone who is addicted to opioids could cause them to experience severe withdrawal. Stopping buprenorphine in itself can cause opiate withdrawals.
- (7) I agree not to deal, steal, or conduct any other illegal or disruptive activities in or in the vicinity of the doctor's office.
- (8) I agree that my medication (or prescriptions) can only be given to me at my regular office visits. Any missed office visits will result in my not being able to get medication until the next scheduled visit.

(9) I agree that the medication I receive is my responsibility and that I will keep it in a safe, secure place. I agree that lost medication will not be replaced regardless of the reasons for such loss.

(10) I agree not to obtain medications from any physicians, pharmacists, or other sources without informing my treating physician. I understand that mixing buprenorphine with other medications, especially benzodiazepines, such as Valium (diazepam), Xanax (alprazolam), Librium (chlordiazepoxide), Ativan (lorazepam), and/or other drugs of abuse including alcohol, can be dangerous. I also understand that a number of deaths have been reported in persons mixing buprenorphine with benzodiazepines.

(11) I agree to take my medication as the doctor, and his/her assistant has instructed, and not to alter the way I take my medication without first consulting the doctor.

(12) I understand that medication alone is not sufficient treatment for my disease and I agree to participate in the recommended patient education and relapse prevention program, to assist me in my treatment.

(13) I understand that my buprenorphine treatment may be discontinued and I may be discharged from the clinic if I violate any of this agreement.

(14) I understand that there are alternatives to buprenorphine treatment for opioid addiction including:

- a. medical withdrawal and drug-free treatment
- b. naltrexone treatment
- c. methadone treatment

The failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on our part.

My doctor will discuss these with me and provide a referral if I request this.

Patient's Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Name _____