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Controlled Substance Policy

The following policies exist regarding pain medications and controlled substances:

Providers are <u>REQUIRED</u> by state law to check a database to verify additional scripts are not being obtained by other providers. If there are additional scripts being obtained by other providers when databases are checked, this office will not be able to write additional scripts for those medications

Patients are <u>REQUIRED</u> by state law to update and/or notify providers immediately any changes in any medications.

Periodic drug screening may be obtained by the providers of Cleveland Medical Associates and sent to the laboratory for testing during the course of treatment. Drug testing frequency is at the discretion of the provider.

No prescriptions will be written early or rewritten due to prescriptions being lost or stolen.

Failure by the patient to comply with these policies will result in the cessation of these prescriptions by the providers at Cleveland Medical Associates.

Patients must sign a controlled substance contract, urine drug screen consent and submit to period drug screens.

The office will check CSMD for patient activity periodically in compliance with federal guidelines, there may be cases where providers require more frequent monitoring of CSMD.

Cleveland Medical Associates will, continue to prescribe any other medications needed for the patient's medical care in the event the provider becomes unable or unwilling to prescribe a patients' controlled substance medications.