

Outpatient Methadone Clinics: Preparing for the SEPTA Strike

Given the pending Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) strike that is scheduled to take effect on **November 8, 2024**, unless a deal is reached, the following dosing plan will be in place for the outpatient methadone clinics in the event that the strike proceeds:

All members **must** have the opportunity to get medicated.

Take-home medication amounts are at the discretion of the respective medical director. The preference would be for a 7-day supply of medication. The take home doses will be issued one day prior to the possible start of the strike that is anticipated to begin on November 8, 2024.

Members will need to return to the outpatient methadone clinic if the strike lasts longer than the number of take-home doses issued to the member. This process will be ongoing and will continue throughout the duration of the strike.

Members deemed **ineligible** for the take-home dose will need to be medicated daily at their home clinic or guest medicated at a clinic they can attend without the use of SEPTA. These members will need to attend the respective clinic throughout the duration of the strike. On the last day, the guests will be medicated at their guest clinic and return to their home clinic the following day. Dose verifications will be sent to home clinics on the last day ensuring members receive the proper dose of medication.

Medicated-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Level of Care Codes

- ➔ 375-02: Methadone Maintenance Daily
- ➔ 375-12: Methadone Take Home Service