

Beacon Healthcare Associates

Policy on Prescribing Pain Medication to New Patients

Pain management is a complicated service that we have chosen to offer our patients who need it. However, we do not offer this service to new patients coming into our practice until the following criteria have been met:

- We have reviewed 12 months worth of records from all pharmacies where they have filled prescriptions;
- We have reviewed 6 months worth of medical records from their previous doctor(s);
- We received the results of an initial urine toxicology screen (which can take up to 2 weeks, depending on the results);
- We have reviewed any diagnostic test results that the provider may feel are necessary in order to help them determine the cause of the pain.

It will be up to the provider, once all of this information is available for review, whether the practice will offer a patient pain management services. In the case where the provider chooses not to offer such services, we can offer primary care services and refer you to a pain management specialist, as needed.

Once we initiate pain management services, patients will be asked to sign a narcotic contract and to abide by it in order to continue to receive such services from our practice.

It is important that new patients requesting pain management services be aware of our policy.