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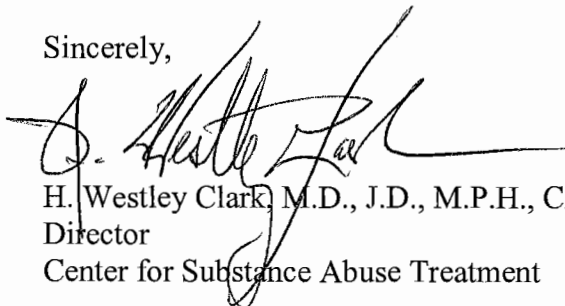
Dear Colleague:

I am writing to inform you that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is in the process of reviewing the guidance provided in the Dear Colleague letter dated January 24, 2008, on unsupervised medication take-home doses when an opioid treatment program (OTP) is closed for business on Sundays and Federal and State holidays. As a result of questions received by SAMHSA about the guidance a review was initiated and the January 24 letter is hereby rescinded.

Our goal for the review is to provide additional clarity on SAMHSA's policy and to ensure safe and effective treatment services are available for people in need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact Nicholas Reuter, Senior Public Health Advisor, SAMHSA at [Nicholas.reuter@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Nicholas.reuter@samhsa.hhs.gov) or (240) 276-2716.

Sincerely,



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