



MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE

2021-12

DATE: June 29, 2021

TO: Pinellas County EMS Agencies
Pinellas County Emergency Communications
Pinellas County Certified EMTs and Paramedics
Pinellas County Certified Advanced Practice Paramedics, Nurses
Pinellas County Online Medical Control Physicians
Pinellas County Ambulance Billing and Financial Services
ED Nurse Managers

FROM: Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director 

RE: Consent for Opioid Treatment Referral

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

- I. Pinellas County EMS (PCEMS) clinicians will now have the ability to refer a patient with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to a treatment provider as part of Pinellas County's COSSAP grant program. This referral process ***DOES NOT REPLACE NORMAL TREATMENT AND TRANSPORT PROCEDURES*** but may be utilized for a patient after an acute overdose or for a less acute presentation of OUD and provides PCEMS clinicians with an additional tool to advocate for and assist a patient.
- II. Referral is easy and only requires PCEMS clinicians to obtain consent and a signature from the patient. Once the signature is obtained, the referral process is automatic through an electronic linkage and a treatment team specialist will reach out to the patient directly within a short time.
- III. The process for obtaining consent is as follows:
 1. Ensure the patient has decisional capacity
 2. Review consent language with patient
 3. Answer any questions
 4. Obtain Signature (see next page)

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- 6 RECEIVING HOSPITAL/FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE
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- 8 CREW FOR COVID TRANSPORT – VERBAL CONSEN
- 9 CONSENT FOR OPIOID TREATMENT REFERRAL

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