

Controlled Substance Policies and Procedures

In accordance with Michigan Law, the Silver Pine Medical Group (SPMG) practice has established the following policies around prescribing medication classified as controlled substances:

New Patient Controlled Substance Policy:

- First appointment for new patients will consist of a thorough medical history evaluation and a physical examination.
- Once completed, your physician and/or care team will create a customized treatment plan based on your individual assessment.
- Due to the length of this examination, and other requirements within Michigan's state law, we **may not** prescribe controlled substances during this appointment.

Established Patient Controlled Substance Policy:

- Before prescribing a controlled substance in a quantity greater than a 3-day supply, your physician will run a report of your filled prescriptions from the State of Michigan.
 - This report will be carefully reviewed before completing the prescription process
- If an opioid is being prescribed, your care provider will discuss your responsibilities as a patient.
 - This discussion will be confirmed by you, the patient, signing your signature on the Silver Pines "*Start Talking Consent Form*".
 - If you are under the age of 18 (a legal minor), your parent or legal guardian will be included in the discussion and signature process.

Additional Information:

- Your care team is limited in the amount of medication that can be prescribed.
- Additional appointments may need to be attended by you (the patient) for further evaluation and assessment of the care plan.
 - These type of instances include urine drug screening, renewals of prescriptions for controlled substances such as opioids, etc.
- Your care team will provide follow-up care and monitor you (the patient) while taking any medication that falls under this policy.
 - For the continuation of care, your care team may refer you (the patient) to a trusted specialist to manage your treatment plan and medication regimen, if that is decided to be the best option.
- Your care team will ask you (the patient) to provide your signature on the "*Controlled Substances Agreement*" Form.
 - This is to be kept active in your medical record.

Silver Pine Medical Group (SPMG) is committed to providing you (the patient) with the best, high-quality care possible. Your partnership in compliance with these policies is appreciated.