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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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ALL OTP,

Maryland State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) has approved take-home medication in response to the severe weather alert. All programs are approved to give 2 take-home medication doses, 1 for Thursday February 13, 2014 and because of the uncertainty of the weather conditions OTPs are approved to provide 1 additional dose for Friday February 14, 2014.

Since patient safety is paramount and CSAT does not have complete knowledge of the EMERGENCY SITUATIONS or WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS (snow, ice, flooding, damaging winds. etc.) throughout our state, in emergency situations like this, the safest and most expedient alternative to clinic reporting is to provide patients with the emergency related take-home medication with State SOTA approval.

When time permits, forward your program's exception request with the State's response to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Division of Pharmacological Therapies (DPT). If you have any questions or require clarification please contact Donald Hall at [443 835-8692](tel:443-835-8692).

Thank You and Stay Safe

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