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**MARYLAND EMERGENCY WEATHER RELATED TAKE-HOME ALERT:**

Maryland State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) has approved take-home in response to the severe weather alert. All programs are approved to give 2 days take-home, Wednesday 03/06/13 and Thursday 03/07/13. 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 your 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 Pharmacologic 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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