PRIMARY CARE Home Initiation

ILLINOIS HELPLINE
for Opioids & Other Substances

Pre-Initiation

MAR Provider

Via handouts, teach **SOWS** and review how patient will take 4 mg bup. next morning when SOWS>15 (moderate withdrawal) and then 4 mg doses every hour until SOWS<6. (Max = 12 mg)

Co-develop plan to help patient refrain from using that night and provide naloxone.

Initiation Day 1

Nurse

Contact the patient during the first day of initiation to provide support and answer questions.

Patient

Initiation Day 2 and Beyond

Patient

On Day 2, patient takes 8 mg dose in the morning and assesses withdrawal symptoms over the day using the SOWS.

Patient may increase daily dose to 12-16 mg before follow-up appt. on Day 5.