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Meredith,

I have reviewed the PowerPoint and read the draft rules – congratulations on a cogent, thoughtful approach. I do have a bit of concern about the requirement to obtain prior authorization from the carrier for methadoneit is a drug of choice with neurogenic pain (NMDA antagonist effect), very inexpensive, and when properly dosed and monitored is VERY effective. I do believe it should be reserved for special cases and the prescriber should be fully aware of all the drug interactions (including grapefruit juice). I also understand the need to limit prescribing, but fear that a patient who needs it may be denied authorization by a less than informed carrier (and we all know some can be pedantic). I would fully support the measure with the caveat that methadone could be used with proper justification in the medical record and waive the prior authorization for use in chronic pain.

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Dr. Martin,

Dr. Marian Swinker indicated that I should send the draft opioid utilization rules for workers' compensation claims to you for review. Please see the Executive Summary [PowerPoint](#) and the [draft rules](#). I emphasize that these are draft rules developed by the NC Workers' Compensation Opioid Task Force. The NC Industrial Commission, which has jurisdiction over workers' compensation claims in NC, is not at the stage of rulemaking yet as we are seeking public feedback on the draft rules prior to officially proposing any rules. We hope that you and the NC Society of Addiction Medicine will review the draft rules and advise of any feedback by December 6. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or to discuss.

Thank you,

Meredith Henderson



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