CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POLICY

In response to increasing concerns regarding controlled substances and their impact on the community around us, and changes in the State of Michigan regulations, PSGP is asking you to acknowledge the following agreement regarding the use of these medications in your treatment:

1. We will be monitoring your prescription filling using the automated program through the State of Michigan, otherwise known as MAPS; this system will allow us to monitor your refill rates and whether you are receiving medications from other providers. If you are receiving controlled medication from other providers, your clinician will discuss these concerns with you and decide the best way to proceed which may include discontinuation of controlled substances written here or some alteration in your treatment.

2. You are expected to keep your appointments in a routine fashion. If you are unable to attend two scheduled appointments in a row based on your usual interval, then that may be cause for termination and a referral out of the practice.

3. You will be asked to give at least two random urine drug screen per year to verify compliance with treatment. More frequent drug screens may be necessary as well if the clinical circumstances warrant. Urinalysis testing done in the office is down by a private lab, billing is NOT processed by PSGP Psychiatric Clinicians.

4. Current guidelines discourage the use of benzodiazepines and opiates. If you are receiving opiates for chronic pain, it may be necessary for you to taper or discontinue the benzodiazepine depending on the judgement of the clinician who is managing your case.

5. **There will be no refills allowed for lost or stolen prescriptions.**

6. Because of increased monitoring required by the regulations for controlled substances, there will be a higher level of billing associated with your visit.

If you have any questions regarding these stipulations, please discuss them with your provider.