

# Missing Appointments with the Clinician who is Prescribing the Opioid



## RECOMMENDED

- Consider structural factors (e.g., lack of transportation, people experiencing poverty)
- Determine if a **pattern of behavior has been present** (e.g., by talking to the patient or reviewing records)
  - If **first time**: instruct patient to reschedule
  - If **second time**: provide short prescription, only enough until next appointment
- Review opioid treatment agreement with the patient
- Require appointment attendance if opioids are to be continued
- Give patient at least one chance to change behavior



## NOT RECOMMENDED

Stop opioid therapy immediately

Patient continues to miss appointments  
Hold prescription until patient sees their usual clinician



## RECOMMENDED

Taper Opioids



## CONSIDER

Stop opioid therapy immediately