



Cobb County DUI Court  
State Court of Cobb County

Eric Brewton  
DUI Court Judge

Darcy Kamau  
Coordinator

**Notice to Medical Professionals**

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Medical Professional:

Please be advised that the above-referenced patient is a participant in the Cobb County DUI Court program, a voluntary program that combines alcohol and drug treatment services with judicial supervision. Admission to this program is based in part on a current diagnosis of substance abuse or dependence, as defined in the DSM-IV.

Participants are required to inform all medical professionals from whom they may receive treatment of their involvement in this program. Our policies also require that participants disclose to you that they are in recovery and **may not take narcotic or addictive medications without prior approval from our DUI Court** for two main reasons: the danger of cross-addiction and the possibility of conflicts with our drug testing protocol.

We ask that this participant's sensitivity to drugs of abuse be considered when prescribing medications or administering injections related to his or her treatment. We also ask that you consider:

1. Any past abuse of pain relievers, possibly resulting in increased tolerance;
2. Prescribing only non-narcotic and non-synthetic pain relievers;
3. Limiting the quantity of narcotic pain relievers to the minimum necessary;
4. Limiting the number of refills available;
5. Recommending non-medicinal coping strategies for anxiety/sleep issues in lieu of prescribing Xanax, Valium, Ativan, Halcion, Deseryl, Ambien, etc.

We feel that our participant's close, honest communication with you is a key component in their achievement of stabilized recovery. Please sign below to indicate that the participant gave you this letter and then return it to him or her. We very much appreciate your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Darcy Kamau

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The above-named patient presented this letter to me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

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Signature