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As buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) treatment is not currently FDA approved for pregnant or nursing women, its using during pregnancy is considered an off-label treatment. Due to these circumstances, your obstetrics (OB) doctor must sign this form in order for me to treat you for Opioid Dependence (ICD# 304.00) with buprenorphine. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I am the obstetrics doctor for _____ (DOB: __/__/__) during her pregnancy, and I have discussed all of the following with this patient:

1. Buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) treatment is not currently medically approved by the FDA for treating opioid dependence in pregnant or nursing women. Currently, methadone is the only FDA approved treatment for pregnant women who are opioid dependent.
2. There can be possible adverse affects when starting and/or continuing buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) treatment during pregnancy, which include but are not limited to fetal and/or newborn withdrawal syndrome.
3. Buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) will block other opioids from working for up to 24 hours after a normal dose (8mg BID), or longer for higher dosages, so patients needing pain meds must stop their buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) at least 24 hours before using any pain medications.
4. Currently the benefits outweigh the risks of starting and/or continuing buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex) treatment for this pregnant patient.
5. As the obstetrics doctor for this pregnant patient, I will notify Dr. Mitchell immediately of any changes in this patient's condition which would warrant discontinuation of her treatment with buprenorphine (Suboxone/Subutex).

Sincerely,

Doctor (sign): _____

Date: ____/____/____

Doctor (print): _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Fax: _____ - _____ - _____

For Dr. Mitchell's office only. Phone confirmation done: ____/____/____ : ____ ____ with: _____ MQA License Search: # _____ WebMD Listed: Y / N
