

**San Mateo County
Alcohol and Other Drug Services**

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

AOD Policy NO.: 1-2008
SUBJECT: Medication Policy
AUTHORITY: County of San Mateo
SUPERSEDES: New Policy

PURPOSE: To support client's health and well being in treatment and recovery

POLICY

San Mateo County Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Services does not discriminate in the provision of services and benefits on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or mental or physical disabilities. Clients will be seeking services that are currently on medications. Therefore, a client who is taking prescribed medication(s) will be provided the same services and benefits as any other client.

Clients cannot be denied services based solely on the fact that they are taking prescribed medication, regardless of the type of medication.

Guidelines

1. Each treatment provider should develop procedures to coordinate treatment services with an individual client's physician when a client enters treatment with current, physician prescribed medications, which have depressive, stimulant, or other psychoactive characteristics. Treatment plans shall be flexible and adjusted accordingly with a review and consult with prescribing physician.
2. If, while in treatment, a client exhibits behavior that is disturbing or a cause for concern for the treatment provider and/or other program participants, and the behavior is believed to be attributable to the client's medication, the treatment provider staff should address this as a clinical issue with the client and/or the client's physician.

Treatment providers shall also develop guidelines and procedures consistent with County Policy.