



## CHRONIC PAIN AND OPIOID USE IN URGENT CARE

CHILLICOTHE VAMC POLICY 11-138

- ★ Urgent Care providers cannot prescribe opioids\* to treat **chronic** pain, including flare-ups of **chronic** pain.
- ★ Urgent Care providers cannot change your **chronic** pain opioid medications.
- ★ Non-opioid medications and other treatments can be a safer and more effective option for managing your **chronic** pain. Your Primary Care/Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) can help you decide which options are best for treating your **chronic** pain.
- ★ Only your Primary Care/Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) can make changes to your **chronic** pain opioid medications.
- ★ This policy is consistent with other **chronic** pain management policies found in urgent care and emergency room facilities in the local community.

\* Opioids are a type of narcotic pain medication, which include Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Morphine, Methadone, Meperidine, Fentanyl and Hydromorphone.