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.