

Patient Dismissal for Substance-Seeking Behavior - Serious

Subject: Termination of Patient Care

Dear [Patient Name],

I am writing to inform you that I can no longer serve as your healthcare provider, effective [Date - 30 days from letter date]. This decision has been made due to documented patterns of behavior that suggest medication-seeking for purposes other than legitimate medical treatment.

Specifically, our records show: [examples: multiple early refill requests, reports of lost medications, requests for specific controlled substances, obtaining prescriptions from multiple providers, etc.].

These patterns are concerning and suggest a potential substance use disorder that requires specialized treatment beyond what I can provide in this practice setting.

I am genuinely concerned about your wellbeing and strongly encourage you to seek help from addiction medicine specialists or treatment programs. I can provide you with referrals to appropriate resources including [list resources: addiction treatment centers, substance abuse counselors, support groups, etc.].

During the next 30 days, I will be available for emergency medical care only. I will not be prescribing controlled substances during this transition period. Please establish care with a new provider as soon as possible.

Your medical records will be transferred to your new physician upon your written request.

If you are ready to seek help for substance use concerns, please call [Phone Number] and we can provide you with appropriate referrals and support.

[Physician Name]

[Credentials]

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