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Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 10:14 AM
To: John Tassoni
Subject: Kratom reports

Hi John,

Kratom Usage Data Report

From March 1st to March 27th, we have received approximately five reports from clients who have been using Kratom long-term and are experiencing severe withdrawal symptoms. These symptoms primarily include fever, body aches, insomnia, and occasional stomach pain. As Kratom withdrawal symptoms closely resemble those of opioid withdrawal, insurance providers do not cover detox treatment for Kratom, and therefore, we are limited to administering comfort medications only.

To improve tracking and data collection, we have updated our intake questions and lab panels to better monitor these cases and relevant metrics.

Let me know if you have anymore questions

With Appreciation,

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From: Sarah Horgan <shorgan@contactaac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 12:33 PM
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Subject: Kratom

Hi John,

In the last few months, beginning February 2025, we have received approximately one inquiry a week from clients who have been using Kratom long-term and are experiencing severe withdrawal symptoms requesting detox. These symptoms closely mimic opioid withdrawal, and can include body aches, high heart rate, heightened anxiety, restlessness, insomnia, and stomach pain, nausea/vomiting and GI issues. Bupenorphone is a viable option to assist with these withdrawal symptoms but unfortunately at this time, insurance providers do not cover detox treatment for Kratom, and therefore, we are limited to administering comfort medications only.

Given the fact that Kratom use is increasing, visible withdrawal symptoms are being reported and observed, and there is a treatment option for this substance, it is disappointing that this detox treatment is not covered by insurance companies and we cannot provide a full continuum of care for the patients who desperately need it.

Let me know if you have anymore questions

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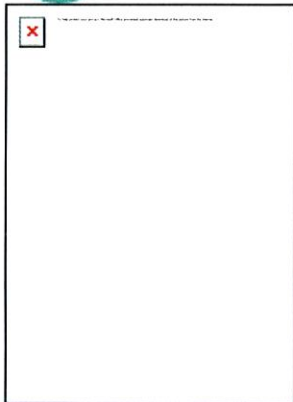
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