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ER Survival Guide

Post-Overdose/Active Withdrawal
Emergency Room Discharge.

For emergency room visits for addiction, if a discharge order is imminent prior to linking patient with treatment/recovery resources:

1. Ask for a patient advocate (NYS Patients' Bill of Rights)
LOCATED HERE *
2. Ask to appeal the decision to discharge (NYS Patients' Bill of Rights)
LOCATED HERE *
3. Call the State Attorney General's Health Care Bureau Helpline at **1-800-428-9071**. Letter from Attorney General to those seeking assistance: LOCATED HERE *
4. Show physician or staff the letter from OASAS and DOH (Robert Kent & Daniel Sheppard Letter to Hospital CEO) LOCATED HERE *
5. Show physicians the exception that allows a physician to administer a single dose of buprenorphine in an emergency for 3 days
LOCATED HERE *

Be polite but firm. If still discharged, be persistent in seeking treatment, and contact OASAS and FOR-NY.

Friends of Recovery - New York
Phone: 518.487.4395 email: info@for-ny.org

New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
Practice Innovation & Care Management (PICM)
Phone: 518.457.1349 email: picm@oasas.ny.gov

For access to treatment and/or additional services, go to:
<https://www.combataddiction.ny.gov/get-help>

* Or attached as hard copy

"Federal law and rules allow a physician to administer methadone or buprenorphine, once a day, for up to a 72-hour period, in the case of an emergency, while a connection to addiction treatment is made."

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