

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency
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**OPIOID TREATMENT
PROGRAM CLINIC**
Pharmacy Inspection Report

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Pharmacy Information			
Inspection Type	Routine		
Name: Ringgold Treatment Center LLC	County: Catoosa		
DCH Narcotic Treatment Programs Permit #: NTP001098	Date: 22 Feb 24		
Permit #: PHOP000088	Exp: 6/30/2025	DEA Registration #: RR0510582	Exp: 4/30/2024
Street Address: 8292 Hwy 41			
City: Ringgold	State: GA	ZIP Code: 30736	Website: ringgoldtreatmentcenter.com
Phone: 706-952-2800	Fax: 706-952-2802	Administrator: Vanessa Ruehlmann	
Pharmacy Hours: Friday 0700-0900		Clinic Hours: M-F 0600-1100 Sat 0600-0900	
Director of Pharmacy: Mark A Stallings		License #: RPH022107	Exp: 12/31/2024 Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PIC Email: markstallings@catt.com	PIC Cell: 423-902-1400	PIC Alternate Phone N/A	
Medical Director: Phuong-Lynh Ta		GA License #: 50447	Exp Date: 9/30/2025
Medical Director's DEA Registration# BT6507670		Exp Date: 11/30/2026	
Other Pharmacists, Interns, Technicians, Nurses:			
Name: Fred Eugene Gilreath	License/Registration #: RPH016482	Exp: 12/31/2024	
Name: Vanessa Cherie Ruehlmann	License/Registration #: PHTC036119	Exp: 6/30/2025	
Name: Dawn Michele Pettigrew	License/Registration #: PHTC040614	Exp: 6/30/2025	
Name: Jerrica Leigh Butler	License/Registration #: PHTC060573	Exp: 6/30/2025	
Name: Dana Gae Johnson	License/Registration #: PHTC070905	Exp: 6/30/2025	
Name:	License/Registration #:	Exp:	
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Last GDNA Inspection Date: 28 Oct 21		Inspected by: Kaptain	
DEA Biennial Inventory Date: 11/18/2022		DEA Biennial Inv conducted at the: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning of Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close of Business	
List of drug suppliers and reverse distributors: Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc (PHWH004103)			
480-18-.03 Personnel			
			Satisfactory
1. The pharmacy has a sufficient number of trained supportive personnel (b)			1. Yes
2. Supportive personnel are properly supervised (c)			2. Yes

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480-18-.04 Absence of a Pharmacist		Satisfactory
3. Only specifically authorized, licensed medical personnel, have access to drugs in the absence of the pharmacist (1)	3. Yes	
4. Emergency Kits / Crash Carts (3):		
a. Sealed and stored in a limited access area	4a. N/A	
b. Properly labeled for both interior and exterior	4b. N/A	
c. Removed pursuant to a valid physician's order or by a pharmacist	4c. N/A	
d. The pharmacy is properly notified when an emergency kit is used	4d. N/A	
e. Emergency kits are inspected at least once every ninety (90) days	4e. N/A	
5. After-hours access to the pharmacy (4)		
a. Only licensed healthcare professionals have after-hours access to the pharmacy	5a. N/A	
b. The licensed healthcare professionals have been trained	5b. N/A	
c. Required documentation is performed for drugs removed from the pharmacy	5c. N/A	
d. A pharmacist promptly reviews drugs removed from the pharmacy	5d. N/A	
480-18-.05 Physical Requirements and Equipment		Satisfactory
6. The pharmacy has sufficient space - a minimum of 150 ft ² (1)	6. Yes	
7. The pharmacy has access to current reference materials related to OTP (2)(a)	7. Yes	
8. Current antidote information and the poison control phone number are readily available(2)(b)	8. Yes	
9. The pharmacy has access to O.C.G.A. 26-4; 26-3; 16-3; and the official rules of the GA Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (2)(c)	9. Yes	
10. The pharmacy has the minimum equipment required (2)(d-e)	10. Yes	
11. Approved variances are posted (if applicable) (3)	11. N/A	
480-18-.06 Drug Distribution and Control		Satisfactory
12. No drugs are dispensed or administered without a physician's written medication drug order (1)	12. Yes	
13. Drugs are identified up to the point of administration (2)(a)(1)	13. Yes	
14. The pharmacy receives a valid drug order prior to dispensing the first dose (2)(a)(2)	14. Yes	
15. The pharmacy maintains a patient profile for each OTP clinic patient (2)(a)(3)	15. Yes	
16. All drug invoices are attached to their accompanying DEA form 222 order form and filed separately from all other drug records - computerized records may meet these requirements (2)(a)(5-6)	16. Yes	
17. The pharmacy participates in the patient care evaluation program (2)(d)	17. Yes	
18. Records of all transactions of the OTP clinic are maintained for two (2) years (2)(b)	18. Yes	
19. For use inside the clinic, all drugs dispensed by an OTP clinic pharmacy, including those for use in an after-hours safe or emergency kit are labeled with the following at a minimum (3)(a):		
a. Brand name or generic name of the drug	19a. Yes	
b. Drug strength	19b. Yes	
c. Lot number	19c. Yes	
d. Expiration date	19d. Yes	
20. Any drug dispensed by the pharmacy for take-home use by an OTP clinic patient is labeled the following at a minimum (3)(b):		
a. Patient name	20a. Yes	
b. Name of physician	20b. Yes	
c. Name, address, and telephone number of the OTP clinic pharmacy	20c. Yes	
d. Drug name	20d. Yes	
e. Drug strength	20e. Yes	
f. Date of dispensing	20f. Yes	
g. Expiration date	20g. Yes	
h. "Federal Caution" for controlled substances	20h. Yes	
i. Clinic pharmacy serial number	20i. Yes	

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21. The pharmacy maintains a proof of use for controlled substances and other specified drugs (5)	21. Yes
22. On-premises drug destruction is for small quantities of controlled substances that are <u>both</u> the remainder of a single-dose unit and prepared to the nearest possible size to the ordered dose (6)	22. N/A
23. The pharmacy maintains a perpetual inventory of all Schedule II medications (7)	23. Yes
24. Suspected adverse drug reactions are reported to the ordering practitioner, the pharmacy and recorded in the patient's record. (9)	24. Yes
25. Drug storage areas are locked or otherwise secured when licensed health care professionals are not present (10)	25. Yes
26. Required records & reports are maintained for 2 years and are readily available during inspection (11)	26. Yes

480-18-.07 Delivery of Drugs, General

Satisfactory

27. Drugs are dispensed or administered upon receipt of a medication drug order (1): a. A practitioner must write an initial dosing medication order for each patient prior to dispensing b. In emergency situations a 72 hour supply verbal order is permitted which is signed within 72 hours c. Any adjustment to a patient dosage regimen is considered a new medication order and shall be written and signed by the medical director within 72 hours.	27a. Yes 27b. Yes 27c. Yes
28. The pharmacist-in-charge or designee conducts and documents inspections, no less than once per month. These inspections shall, at a minimum, verify items found in 480-18-.09(2)(a-f).	28. Yes
29. The BOP and GDNA are notified of patients that improperly utilize more than one OTP at the same time (480-18-.10)	29. Yes

Required Policies and Procedures

The following items are required to be included as part of a policy and procedure manual for an Opioid Treatment Clinic Pharmacy. By signing below the pharmacist is confirming this pharmacy has a policy and procedure that addresses each item listed here, and pharmacy personnel adhere to these policies and procedures.

• Training supportive personnel 480-18-.03(d)(4)	• Access to drugs in the absence of the pharmacist 480-18-.04(2)
• Emergency Kits 480-18-.04(1)(e)	• Distribution of medications 480-18-.06(2)(a)
• Drug recalls 480-18-.08	• Drugs from outside sources 480-18-.08
• Discontinued Drugs 480-18-.06(4)	• Recalls of prescription medication 480-18-.06(8)
• After-hours access to the pharmacy 480-18-.04(e)	• Drug administration 480-18-.07

Date of last policy and procedure manual revision: 9/14/2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Licenses shall become null and void upon the sale, transfer or change of mode of operation or location of the business. (480-18-.02(5))
- Licenses are renewed for two years and expire on June 30th of each odd numbered year. (480-18-.02(3)(d))
- Any discrepancies or deficiencies noted shall be corrected within 30 days of this inspection. Written notice of such corrections shall be filed with GDNA within thirty (30) days after receipt of the inspection report. (480-18-.02(6))
- Georgia State Board of Pharmacy Website: WWW.GBP.Georgia.GOV;
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Recommendations / Comments

Pharmacy software: Methasoft

See additional GDNA comments/recommendations on next page.

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Recommendations / Comments (continued)

4. Comment: PIC Stallings stated pharmacy does not provide an emergency kit and there are no crash carts located in the clinic.
5. Comment: PIC Stallings stated no after-hours access to the pharmacy. PIC Stallings stated the pharmacists and Vanessa Ruehlmann have keys to the pharmacy and only pharmacists have the combination to the bulk safe.
21. Comment: Proof of use of controlled substances recorded with the Total Dispensed by Day report. GDNA observed the physician's name was not included on the report - Dr. Ta is the only prescriber at the clinic.
22. Comment: PIC Stallings stated no on-site destruction of controlled substance medication.
- Clinic is utilizing Agent Designation Form for Delivery of Take-Home Doses regarding Board Policy #13.

SIGNATURE

This inspection report has been read and explained to the person whose name appears below. Explanations include any observed violations, deficiencies, or comments, and such are based on state/federal laws and rules pertaining to the practice of pharmacy in the State of Georgia. I do affirm the information I have given pursuant to this inspection is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This inspection report is not intended to be all inclusive, and there may be deficiencies, non-compliance, or violations of the laws and rules not detected and noted in this report.

Printed Name: Mark Stallings

Printed Name: Kim Kaptain

Signature: Pharmacy Representative

Special Agent, Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Today's Date 22 Feb 24

