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Gateway Recovery Center Introduces Xylazine Testing to Address Community Need

Leading Substance Use Detox Facility Implements Comprehensive Approach to Combat Xylazine Epidemic

ST. PAUL, MN (September 19th, 2023) - Gateway Recovery Center, a national leader in Medically-Monitored Withdrawal Management/Detox, has announced the addition of Xylazine testing at all program facilities. This strategic initiative is a proactive response to the growing demand for heightened care for the ongoing complexities in addiction treatment.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the state has witnessed a significant increase in Xylazine-related deaths over the past few years. In 2019 alone, four overdose deaths involving Xylazine were reported, followed by eight in 2020 and a staggering 24 in 2021. Recent preliminary data from 2022 indicates that there were 34 Xylazine-involved deaths across Minnesota. Counties such as Anoka, Beltrami, Dakota, Hennepin, Morrison, Olmstead, Ramsey, St. Louis, Scott, Stearns, Washington, and Wright have all reported at least one Xylazine-related death between 2019 and 2022. Shockingly, toxicology testing revealed that fentanyl was present in 100% of Xylazine-related deaths.

Xylazine, a veterinary sedative and muscle relaxant, has emerged as a dangerous drug used among humans. It is often mixed with heroin, cocaine, and other illicit substances to enhance their potency, leading to a surge in overdose fatalities. Recognizing the urgent need to address this crisis, Gateway Recovery Center has implemented comprehensive Xylazine protocols at facilities located in Inver Grove Heights, MN and Brooklyn Park, MN.

As a sedative that is distinct from opioids, Xylazine cannot be detected by a standard Urine Drug Screen (UDS). Along with limited screening, the effects of Xylazine may not be reversed by, or may require a higher dose of Naloxone (Narcan), which is commonly used to counteract opioid overdoses. In any case of a suspected overdose, Naloxone should be administered. Individuals who inject drug mixtures containing Xylazine are at a heightened risk of overdose and developing severe wounds, including necrosis, which can ultimately result in amputation, infection, and even death.

Gateway Recovery Center's introduction of Xylazine testing aligns with the commitment to advancing treatment. By staying at the forefront of emerging trends, Gateway Recovery Center aims to address the unique challenges posed by Xylazine use and ongoing efforts to ensure community safety and well-being. Individuals struggling with substance use involving Xylazine or any other substance(s) can call 833.DETOX.80 to speak with a LIVE Admissions Representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or submit a Verification of Benefits online at gatewaydetoxmn.com for immediate assistance.

About Gateway Recovery Center

Since 2020, Gateway Recovery Center has been a national leader in Medically-Monitored Withdrawal Management through 24/7 Concierge-Based Admissions, Full Medical Detoxification/Stabilization, Comprehensive Assessment, Clinical Case Management, Individual Therapy, Chemical Health Education, Hosted AA/NA Groups, Peer Supports Groups and Continuing Care Coordination in collaboration with more than 165 partnering providers at all levels of care. Gateway Recovery Center is locally owned and operated by Horowitz Health and in the family of behavioral healthcare providers including Drew Horowitz & Associates, Elite Recovery, The Recovery Academy and Recovery Homes of Minnesota.

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