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Web Announcement 252

Prior Authorization Policy for Psychotropic Drugs for Children and Adolescents

Effective April 15, 2009, Nevada Medicaid policy goes into effect requiring prior authorization (PA) for all psychotropic medications prescribed for the following children and adolescents:

- All recipients ages 5 years and younger.
- Recipients ages 6 through 17 when more than one medication is prescribed from within the same class within the same 30-day period or when three or more psychotropic medications are prescribed (regardless of therapeutic class) within the same 30-day period.

Provider types 20 (Physician, M.D., Osteopath) and 28 (Pharmacy) are affected by this policy.

When a PA is needed for psychotropic agents for children and adolescents, prescribing physicians must use form [FH-70](#), which is posted on this website (select “Forms” from the “Providers” or “Pharmacy” menus). Refer to the [Nevada Medicaid Services Manual](#), Chapter 1200, Appendix A, for the policy regarding this requirement.