



## Provider Notice

Engaging members about their treatment is essential to recovery. People feel empowered when they can make informed decisions about their life as well as their treatment. As a provider, one of the key components to treatment is helping members understand their options.

Practitioners, please remember to engage members in discussion about their medications.

- Educate about the specific medication(s) the member is prescribed.
- Discuss alternative treatment options to medications.
- Explain why a specific medication is recommended.
- Educate about potential side effects of the medication.
- Inform of the benefits and risks with the medication.
- Encourage adherence to the medication regime.
- Discuss and monitor for new or worsening suicidality.

**For prescribing practitioners, below are key elements to review to support completion of a medication flow sheet and progress notes:**

- Current psychotropic medication, dosages and date(s) of dosage changes
- Member education regarding reason for medication and possible side effects
- Member education to women of child-bearing age on importance of avoiding pregnancy while taking psychotropic medication, and to notify psychiatrist immediately upon becoming pregnant
- Acknowledgment by member of their understanding of medication education
- Avoidance of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) scheduled drugs in treatment of members with a history of substance abuse/dependency

Magellan utilizes Treatment Record Review (TRR) to provide feedback to providers on best practices for record keeping. The Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) review component of every TRR allows for focused review of the care. Each CPG includes medication specific information. Providers can access TRR and CPG information at [www.MagellanProvider.com](http://www.MagellanProvider.com). A TRR checklist that includes documentation expectations for medications is available for providers at the following link: [TRR Documentation Standards for Magellan of Virginia](#).

Magellan has a clinical monograph about [Appropriate Use of Psychotropic Drugs in Children and Adolescents](#)

Please access the link above to review the monograph as well as a [fact sheet](#) discussing psychotropic drug information for children and adolescents.

**Please take time to review the following resources:**

Magellan offers a variety of provider training and resources. All providers have access to free [Relias Learning](#) training through [www.MagellanProvider.com](http://www.MagellanProvider.com). Providers can access topics like Psychotropic Medications, Medications Related to Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders and Clinical Practice Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids.