Use of Psychotropic Medications in Children and Adolescents

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Background: Therapy, along with psychotropic medications, can sometimes help children and adolescents cope with a variety of behavioral health issues. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) recommends best practices when considering the use of a psychotropic intervention for children and adolescents to help address behavioral health issues.

Provider Action Needed: Please reference the AACAP practice parameters when treating children for behavioral health issues. Please continue to adhere to the 19 recommendations for screening and assessment on page 9 through 15 of the AACAP Atypical Antipsychotic Medications when considering the use of an atypical antipsychotic medication for a pediatric patient.

Passport Health Plan’s pharmacy benefit manager has changed; please use this form to request a prior authorization for antipsychotics for children under age 6.

Questions: If you have questions about Atypical Antipsychotic medications or other medications used to help treat behavioral health diagnoses, please contact the PCP Psychiatric Decision Support Line, (877) 249-6659.

For all other questions or for assistance in helping a member find a behavioral health provider please contact the Behavioral Health Access Line, (855) 834-5651.