



Psychotropic Medication Utilization Parameters

For Children and Youth in Foster Care in the State of Kansas

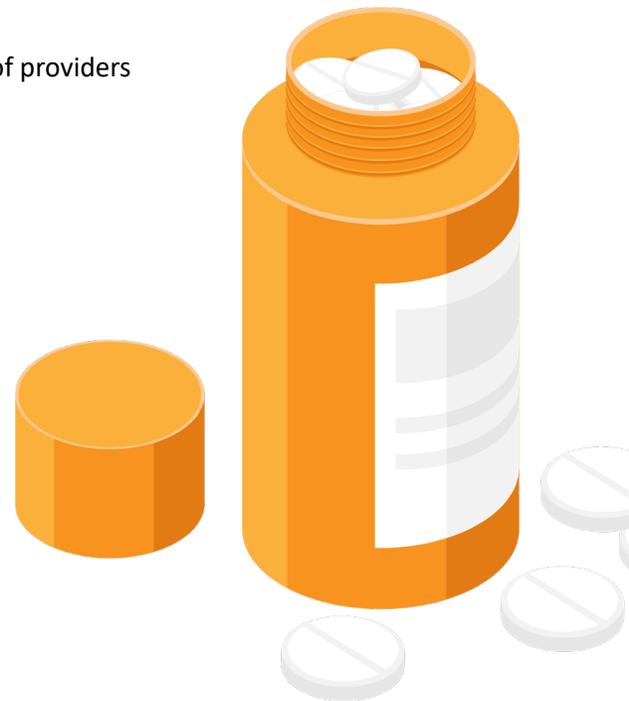
In 2015 the Kansas Department for Children and Families began working with the Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities Services, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Managed Care Organizations, the Kansas Child Welfare Case Management Providers, and Kansas child psychiatrists to develop the Kansas Psychotropic Medication Utilization Parameters (PMUR).

The Kansas Psychotropic Medication Utilization Parameters for Children and Youth in Foster Care is intended to provide principles to guide prescriptive practices. Children in the child welfare system often present with complicated clinical pictures. The formation of treatment algorithms that clinicians must rigidly adhere to is **unrealistic and is not in the best interest of the child**. The Kansas PMUR is meant to inform the practice of pediatric psychopharmacology in this population and to provide a framework to promote the provision of quality psychiatric services to children in foster care in the state of Kansas.

These guidelines are not meant to supersede the clinical judgment of providers working closely with foster children and their caregivers.



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