

Memo

To: Interested Parties
From: Debera H. Eggleston, M.D., PQIP Co-Project Leader
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Date: October 24, 2007
Re: Pharmacy Quality Improvement Project (PQIP) Update

The Michigan Department of Community Health would like to announce some changes to the Pharmacy Quality Improvement Project. Please notify your membership using the following announcement (bolded):

The Pharmacy Quality Improvement Project (PQIP), sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), will be initiating some changes in the near future. This educational project, which analyzes the prescribing of mental health medications for Medicaid child, adolescent, and adult members using evidence based guidelines, was launched in May of 2005. Comprehensive Neuroscience (CNS) has modified the maximum dosing levels recommended for children and adolescents. CNS convened a panel of providers to evaluate and develop an accepted dosing of behavioral health medications for these populations. Providers from several states participated in an expert panel including:

- **R. Scott Benson, M. D. and Martin Lazowitz, M. D. both practicing child/adolescent psychiatrist in Florida,**
- **John March, M. D., Chief of Child/Adolescent Psychiatry at Duke University,**
- **Wayne Goodman, M. D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Florida College of Medicine.**

The PQIP workgroup composed of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan and Michigan Medicaid Health Plan medical directors has reviewed these suggested changes and approved them for use in Michigan. These changes will be implemented in October 2007. The PQIP workgroup medical directors include John Baugh, M.D. (St. Clair Co. Community Mental Health(CMH)), Ron Bradley, D.O. (Health Plus Partners), Renee Clark, D.O. (Saginaw Co. CMH), James Dillon, M.D. (MDCH), Jonathan Henry, M.D. (Clinton, Eaton, Ingham CMH), Anjali Mehta, M.D.(Lifeways CMH), Michelle Reid, M.D. (Detroit-Wayne Co. CMH), Leonard Rosen, M.D (Oakland Co. CMH), and Steve Stein, M. D. (Great Lakes Health Plan).

These guidelines are one tool in managing your patients with complex psychiatric conditions. PQIP continues to recognize that the provider, in partnership with the patient, develops the most appropriate plan of care.

Should you have any questions please contact Joyce Hight, RN, co-project leader, at hightj@michigan.gov or 517-335-5246.

Your assistance in announcing these changes is appreciated.