

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Program Activities: Psychotropic Medication Monitoring & Oversight (PMM&O)

HCPCFC Training Modules

» Program Activities

- Program Guidance
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- Program Measures
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- Tools, Databases & Resources
- Confidentiality & Consent
- **Psychotropic Medication Monitoring & Oversight (PMM&O)**
- Navigating Health Care Services
- Understanding Child Welfare & Probation

Introduction

- » This section provides an overview of HCPCFC responsibilities associated with Psychotropic Medication Monitoring & Oversight (PMM&O), which are required of public health nurses (PHN) by Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) 16501.3(c)(3).
- » All questions regarding PHN role, including difficulty obtaining or sharing information, should be documented, reported to the direct supervising HCPCFC PHN, and addressed immediately.

Required Training & Primary References

- » All HCPCFC staff are required to complete a review of all components of the following PMM&O resources, regardless of their role, prior to participating in program activities:
 1. [Psychotropic Medication Toolkit](#)
 2. [California Guidelines for the Use of Psychotropic Medication with Children and Youth in Foster Care](#)
 3. [California Courts: Guide to Psychotropic Medication Forms \(JV-217-Info & All Associated Forms Listed\)](#)

Policy & Procedure

- » HCPCFC programs statewide vary when it comes to the extent and timing of PHN involvement when foster children and youth are prescribed psychotropic medication.

Policy & Procedure (continued)

» Roles and Procedures of the PHN:

1. How and when HCPCFC receives documents relating to the prescription of psychotropic medication to foster children and youth.
2. The role and procedures of the PHN specifically to other applicable members of the care team.
3. The role and procedures of the PHN in addressing discrepancies identified with a prescription and required health indicators (lab results, inadequate assessment, etc.).
4. PHN role and procedure to address issues obtaining or accessing medication.
5. PHN role and procedure to educate and obtain information/follow-up.

Policy & Procedure (continued)

6. PHN role and procedure in educating, answering questions, and providing feedback to providers.
7. PHN role and procedure to request/facilitate requests for health information/records.
8. PHN role and procedure to interface with health providers, including medical, developmental, behavioral, and psychotropic focused care.
9. Information sharing procedures and privacy.
10. The procedures HCPCFC staff follow from the initiation of program involvement to the resolution of the HCPCFC PMM&O involvement.

The required policy and procedures (P&P) must be always readily available to HCPCFC staff.

PMM&O Documentation & Standard Procedure

- » Please refer to the Scope of Work, Psychotropic Medication Monitoring & Oversight and Documentation training modules.

PMM&O Resources

- » [How Can a Public Health Nurse Help Me? from the Psychotropic Quality Improvement Collaborative](#)
- » [CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE: What do Caregivers Need to Know about Psychotropic Medications?](#)
- » [A 6-step process to Understanding Psychotropic Medications Before You Agree to Take Them](#)
- » [California Rules of Court Rule 5.640. Psychotropic medications](#)
- » [Quality Improvement Project: Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medication among Children and Youth in Foster Care](#)
- » [California Guidelines for the Use of Psychotropic Medication with Children and Youth in Foster Care](#)
- » [Ensuring Foster Youth Are Only Prescribed Psychotropic Medication When in Their Best Interest](#)

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