

## **Appendix: Approach to Medication Management of Problematic Behaviors Flow Chart**

The following flow chart presents a systematic approach to managing problematic behavior where medication treatments may be involved. It is suggested as a companion to the Behavior Management and Antipsychotic Medication Prescribing Clinical Process Guidance Document.

Ordinarily, medications should be used to treat individuals with problematic behavior only after considering other plausible causes for those behaviors and only if they have conditions (primarily psychosis and mental illness) that are likely to respond to medications.

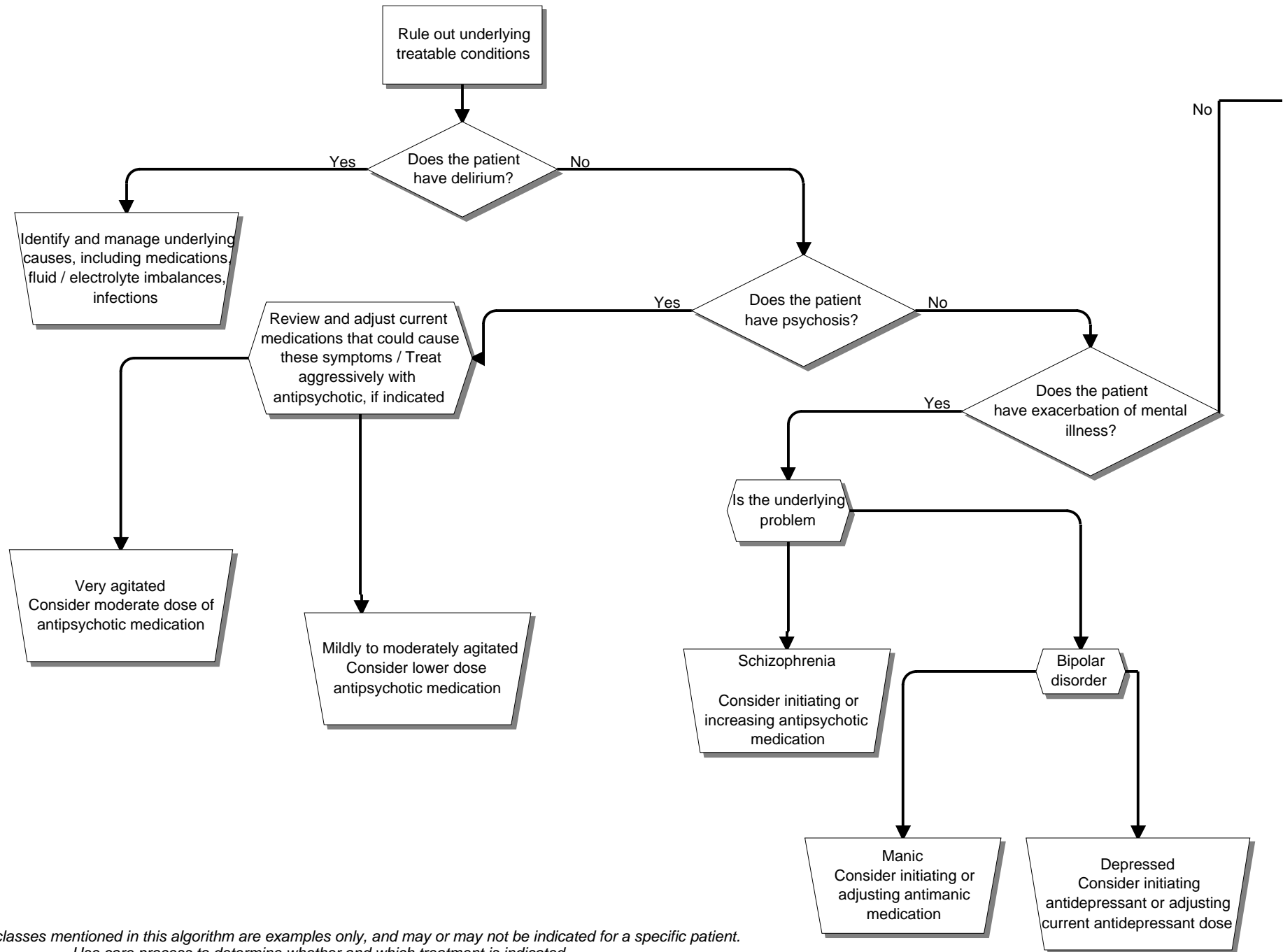
*Please note: The flow chart was revised 11/03. Drug classes listed in the attached flow chart are intended to be referred to as examples only. They may or may not be indicated for a specific resident. Treatment selection for any resident should be based on considering their coexisting illnesses, specific risk factors, and other current medications, among other things. Use care process to determine whether and which treatment is indicated.*

None of the medications or treatments listed in the following flow chart should be considered to be official recommendations.

## **Appendix: Behavior/Mood Symptom Tracking Tool**

The Behavior/Mood Symptom Tracking Tool included in this appendix is provided as an example of a type of behavior tracking document. This two sided-form was developed at Iosco County Medical Care Facility and is based on MDS data. The accompanying Mood and Behavior Tracking Symptoms Sheet lists consistent vocabulary utilized by staff at the facility.

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