

Protections for Mental Health and Epilepsy Drugs

| Policy # | Policy Recommendations | Required Change/ Recommended Action | Due Date | FY18 Progress Report | Progress Clarification |
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| 4.1 | The Michigan Legislature should <u>amend Public Act 248 of 2004 to prohibit</u> both the department and its Medicaid contractors <u>from requiring prior authorization</u> (as defined in the act) of the following medications as they are defined and operationalized in the act: anticonvulsants, antipsychotics, antidepressants, non-controlled substance anti-anxiety drugs and drugs to treat mental disorders, epilepsy and seizure disorders. | <p>MDHHS provided the final 298 Workgroup Report to the Legislature. This policy recommendation is dependent on legislative action. Pursuant to FY18 Legislative boilerplate the following action is planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MDHHS will establish a workgroup to determine better ways to manage medications addressed under PA 248 of 2004 (The workgroup should include a consumer and family member). 2) The workgroup will produce and interim report to legislature. 3) Based on recommendations of the workgroup, MDHHS will implement policy or legislative recommendations to address medications stipulated in PA 248 of 2004. Planned implementation will include specific tasks, assigned responsibility and proposed timeline. <p>Rvsd 9.2018 based on stakeholder input</p> | <p>2.2018</p> <p>3.2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Not Started</p> | The MDHHS convened a workgroup to review prevailing evidence-based literature and best practices regarding psychotropic medications for the purposes of preparing protocol recommendations. The workgroup, which is facilitated by the MDHHS Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Debra A. Pinals, M.D. and consists of a variety of subject matter experts, began developing its recommendations in March and has continued to meet over the spring and summer of 2018. The recommendations are currently being consolidated and will be presented to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on the MDHHS budget, the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies, and the State Budget Office in a supplemental report once finalized. It is anticipated that this report will be formally presented prior to the end of the Fiscal Year on September 30, 2018, and implementation of the recommendations will begin thereafter. |