



*****Attention Behavioral Health Providers*****

A+KIDS Project Re-launches June 5, 2015

Beginning on June 5, 2015, the Antipsychotics – Keeping It Documented for Safety (A+KIDS) program will be re-launched for North Carolina Medicaid and Health Choice beneficiaries under age 18 years through the clinical policy 9D - Off Label Antipsychotic Safety Monitoring in Beneficiaries through Age 17. This is outlined in the April 2015 NC Medicaid Special Bulletin located at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/bulletin/pdfbulletin/0415_SPECIAL_BULLETIN_PDL_AKids-v4-21-15.pdf

Providers will once again be able to document information regarding the efficacy of therapy (when antipsychotic therapy is utilized), side effects, and metabolic monitoring parameters (height/weight, lipid panel, and blood glucose). Once the information is submitted to the NCTRACKS web-based portal or phoned in successfully, the medication is authorized for 6 months. All antipsychotic therapy and clinical documentation is required to be authorized via the NCTracks portal (or via phone), irrespective of whether the medication use is FDA-approved or off-label.

Objectives of the A+KIDS NCTracks portal include improving the use of evidence-based safety monitoring for patients for whom an antipsychotic agent is prescribed, reduction of antipsychotic polypharmacy, and reduction of cases in which the FDA maximum dose is exceeded. It is a safety monitoring program designed to make sure that children enrolled in NC Medicaid and Health Choice who are prescribed an antipsychotic medication are monitored according to generally accepted guidelines. **The questions that providers are expected to document in the NCTracks portal are listed on the worksheet on the next page.**

What will I need to do if I prescribe an antipsychotic for a child enrolled in the Medicaid program?

Beginning on June 5, 2015, you will need to go online and enter some basic information about the patient, medication, dose, diagnosis, etc. into the NCTRACKS provider portal. Data elements collected within the NCTracks portal reflect a generally accepted monitoring profile for the safety and efficacy of antipsychotic therapy, are typically collected as part of a routine exam, and should take no longer than 5 minutes to enter. The requirement of safety monitoring documentation in the NCTracks portal by the prescriber occurs when an antipsychotic agent is prescribed for any Medicaid or Healthchoice beneficiary under age 18. **Once the data is entered into the NCTracks portal, the pharmacy will have authorization to process the claim.**

How do I enter the data online or by phone?

In order to have access to the NCTracks Provider portal, each provider (NPI) must first complete the NCTracks Currently Enrolled Provider (CEP) Registration.

NCTracks enrolled providers may then enter the requested information by visiting the NCTracks Web Portal using your NCID and password (log in - <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/ncmmisPortal/login>).

The PA may also be authorized by phone by calling CSC-NCTracks at 1-866-246-8505. Providers must be enrolled in Medicaid and have an NPI number in order to access the NCTracks phone option.

Use of Point of Sale (POS) Overrides

Point of sale (POS) overrides are available for pharmacies to use when the prescriber has not provided NCTracks portal documentation either electronically or by phone for the recipient. Use of overrides to successfully process a claim for an antipsychotic medication for NC Medicaid and Health Choice patients is restricted to 2 overrides per beneficiary per rolling calendar year. Pharmacists are encouraged to ensure that all providers are informed when the override option is utilized for their patient. Each override will apply to all claims for antipsychotic medication(s) on the same date of service.