POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NAME: Antipsychotic & Stimulant Medications in Children under 5 Years	**POLICY ID:** OK.CP.PMN.01
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Description

Antipsychotic or stimulant Medications in Children Under 5 years Old

Policy

Provider must submit documentation (including office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of Oklahoma Complete Health (OCH) that antipsychotics or stimulants for children under 5 years of age are **medically necessary** when the criteria located on our internal guidelines are met.

OCH has developed separate guidelines for antipsychotics and stimulants. (Oklahoma Clinical Care Guidelines - Stimulant Use for Members Under the Age of 5 & Oklahoma Clinical Care Guidelines Atypical Antipsychotic Use for Members Under the Age of 5.) These guidelines were written by an internal pediatric psychiatrist and edited by several internal pharmacists.

The guidelines will be posted on our SharePoint site so that our reviewers can have 24/7 access. Our reviewers are already trained to initially access OHCA's website for clinical criteria and if the state is silent, to refer to our SharePoint for interim criteria. We will include these guidelines in our existing step action process.

Both sets of guidelines include information required to approve for initial and continued therapy as well as dosage increases. Applicable clinical references are listed on each set of guidelines.

A clinical pharmacist will follow the guidelines written by the child psychiatrist and will send recommendations of denials to the child psychiatrist to review after confirmation of submission of supporting documentation. Prior authorizations are reviewed by a child psychiatrist for denials of any antipsychotic or stimulant for any member under the age of 5.

REFERENCES:	Oklahoma Clinical Care Guidelines Stimulant Use for Members Under the Age of 5 & Oklahoma Clinical Care Guidelines Atypical Antipsychotic Use for Members Under the Age of 5

ATTACHMENTS:

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

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