

PASRR Guidance: Psychotropic Medications Prescribed for Medical Conditions

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Countless professionals misinterpret number three on the Level I Screening Form. (See # 3 below) We are trying to determine whether the person's medical condition has required the administration of any psychotropic medications. This means, you must be able to identify psychotropic medications. Listing Aricept for Alzheimer's, Lozol for hypertension or Metformin for diabetes would be an inaccurate Level I submission, because these are not psychotropic medications. If you need guidance in determining if a medicine is a psychotropic medication, access the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR) and consult with your physician.

All psychotropic medications that are prescribed for "medical reasons" within the last 14 days, such as chronic pain, insomnia, dementia, migraine headaches, appetite stimulation, etc. must be listed on number three of the Level I Screening Form. Do not list PRN medications. See the Level I examples below.

3. Has the individual been prescribed or taken any anti-depressant, anti-psychotic and/or anti-anxiety medications on a regular basis within the last 14 days for a general medical condition? Yes No

This is a correct submission.

If yes, list medication/s: Elavil for Chronic Pain & Ativan for Dementia

This is an inaccurate submission.

Aricept for Dementia & Luvox for OCD (Aricept is not a psychotropic medication and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is not a medical condition)

If you discover that a psychotropic medication is listed in the medical records without a diagnosis, contact the physician to obtain the corresponding diagnosis. If you discover that it was prescribed for medical reasons, have the physician document it in the medical records and include this medication on the Level I Form. However, if you discover that the medication is prescribed for a Serious Mental Illness diagnosis; do not list this medication on the Level I Form. Remember, only psychotropic medications prescribed for "Medical Conditions" are listed on the Level I Form. This information is needed to ensure that residents or persons seeking admission into Medicaid Certified Facilities are comprehensively screened.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some of the below psychotropic medications may be used for other psychiatric diagnoses as well as for medical conditions. For this reason, if you discover that a psychotropic medication is listed without a diagnosis, **NEVER** assume what it is prescribed for; always get clarification from a licensed physician.

The following is a list to assist you in identifying some of the common psychotropic medications. It is not a comprehensive listing.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Current Uses
alprazolam	Xanax	anxiety, panic
amitriptyline	Elavil, Endep	depression (tricyclic)
amoxapine	Asendin	psychotic depression
amphetamine	Adderall	ADD
aripiprazole	Abilify	schizophrenia (atypical)
bupropion	Wellbutrin	depression, ADD
bupirone	BuSpar	anxiety
carbamazepine	Tegretol	bipolar disorder
chloriazepoxide	Librium	anxiety
chlorpromazine	Thorazine	schizophrenia (typical)
citalopram hydrobromide	Celexa	depression (SSRI)
clomipramine	Anafranil	OCD, depression (tricyclic)
clonazepam	Klonopin	anxiety
clorazepate	Tranxene	anxiety
clozapine	Clozaril	schizophrenia (atypical)
desipramine	Norpramin	depression (tricyclic), ADD
dextroamphetamine	Adderall, Dexedrine	ADD
diazepam	Valium	anxiety
divalproex sodium	Depakote	bipolar disorder
doxepin	Adapin, Sinequan	depression (tricyclic)
escitalopram	Lexapro	depression (SSRI), anxiety

fluoxetine	Prozac	depression (SSRI), OCD, panic
fluphenazine	Prolixin, Prolixin Decanoate	schizophrenia (typical)
fluvoxamine	Luvox	OCD, depression (SSRI)
haloperidol	Haldol, Haldol Decanoate	schizophrenia (typical)
imipramine	Tofranil	depression (tricyclic),
lithium carbonate	Eskalith, Lithobid	bipolar disorder
lithium citrate	Cibalith S	bipolar disorder
lorazepam	Ativan	anxiety
loxapine	Loxitane	schizophrenia (typical)
maprotiline	Ludiomil	depression (tricyclic)
mesoridazine	Serentil	schizophrenia (typical)
methylphenidate	Ritalin	ADD
mirtazapine	Remeron	depression
molindone	Moban	schizophrenia (typical)
nefazodone	Serzone	depression
nortriptyline	Pamelor	depression (tricyclic)
olanzapine	Zyprexa	schizophrenia (atypical)
oxazepam	Serax	anxiety
paroxetine	Paxil	depression (SSRI), OCD, panic
pemoline	Cylert	ADD
perphenazine	Trilafon	schizophrenia (typical)
phenelzine	Nardil	depression (MAOI)
prazepam	Centrax	anxiety
prochlorperazine	Compazine	schizophrenia (typical)
protriptyline	Vivactil	depression (tricyclic)
quetiapine	Seroquel	schizophrenia (atypical)
risperidone	Risperdal	schizophrenia (atypical)
sertraline	Zoloft	depression (SSRI), OCD, panic

thioridazine	Mellaril	schizophrenia (typical)
thiothixene	Navane	schizophrenia (typical)
tranylcypromine sulfate	Prarnate	depression (MAOI)
trazodone	Desyrel	depression (tricyclic)
trifluoperazine	Stelazine, Vesprin	schizophrenia (typical)
trimipramine	Surmontil	depression (tricyclic)
valproic acid	Depakene	bipolar disorder
venlafaxine	Effexor	depression
ziprasidone	Geodon	schizophrenia (atypical), bipolar