



AHCCCS Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Public Testimony Form

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Summary of Testimony: We strongly oppose policies that restrict access to medically necessary medications, including both oral anti-psychotics and long-acting injectable anti-psychotics. For many of us, access to the full range of the most effective medications is a crucial component of successful treatment and recovery. Such medically necessary psychotropic medications, and their combination with other services and supports, are often essential for recovery to happen. We also oppose policies that restrict access to medically necessary medications. Such policies, which include preferred drug lists with prior authorization requirements, restrictive formularies, fail-first requirements, monthly prescription limits, and tiered co-payment structures, not only fail to achieve their intended purpose of reducing overall healthcare costs but prolong human suffering, and reduce the potential for an individual to achieve full recovery. In addition, restrictive policies fail to acknowledge that physicians and members should make individualized treatment decisions, recognizing the unique and non-interchangeable nature of human beings and psychotropic medications, and acknowledging that lack of access to medications has both human and fiscal consequences.

Drug/Product: Antipsychotics
Therapeutic Drug Class: Antipsychotics
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