

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Giese/Walsh/dep</i>	DATE <i>12-8-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>101220</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Keck, Deps, CWS file</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
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From: Jan Polatty
To: Brenda James
Date: 12/08/2011 11:41 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: For Release: Letter Regarding Effective Use of Psychotropic Medications Among Children in Foster Care

Please log - Nec. Action - thanks!

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>>> Sam walddrep 12/8/2011 11:27 AM >>>

Tony has seen it and actually forwarded it on. You can log it for info.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jan Polatty

To: Sam walddrep <Waldrep@scdlhs.gov>

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Sent: 12/8/2011 11:13:40 AM

Subject: Fwd: For Release: Letter Regarding Effective Use of Psychotropic Medications Among Children in Foster Care

Should this be logged for informational purposes???

>>> CMS CMSO_SMD <CMSO_SMD@cms.hhs.gov> 11/23/2011 3:41 PM >>>

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has become increasingly concerned about the safe, appropriate, and effective use of psychotropic medications among children in foster care. Agencies across HHS are working collaboratively to address this issue.

The attached letter, from the leaders of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), describes the expanded opportunities that HHS will offer in the coming months to strengthen systems for monitoring psychotropic medication use among children in foster care. You will also find background information and resources to help your agency and your partners take action to strengthen psychotropic prescription oversight.

This letter is being delivered simultaneously to State and Territorial child welfare directors, Medicaid directors, and mental health authorities. As we work together at the Federal, State, and local levels to construct and refine this approach, we urge you to make use of the available information and establish partnerships with other entities within your jurisdiction working with children who have experienced maltreatment.

Our shared efforts will guide significant improvements in addressing the needs of young people in foster care. Thank you for your service to this Nation's children, youth, and families.