



# NETWORK Notification

**Notice Date:** October 1, 2022  
**To:** Ohio Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Medicaid Prescribing Exemption for Antidepressants and Atypical Antipsychotics

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## Summary

As a reminder, CareSource, in accordance with [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) 5167.12](#) does not impose a prior authorization requirement for antidepressants and atypical antipsychotics when all of the bullet points below for provider administered drugs payable through the medical benefit. Please note, starting October 1, 2022, for drugs payable through the pharmacy benefit, the Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Gainwell Technologies, will adjudicate claims at the pharmacy point of sale:

- The drug is administered or dispensed in a standard tablet or capsule form. For antipsychotics, the drug may also be administered or dispensed in a long-acting injectable form.
- The drug is prescribed for a use that is indicated on the drug's labeling, as approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- The drug is prescribed by any of the following per ORC 5167.12:
  - a. A physician whom the Medicaid managed care organization that offers the plan allows to provide care as a psychiatrist through its credentialing process;
  - b. A psychiatrist who is practicing at a location on behalf of a community mental health services provider whose mental health services are certified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code;
  - c. A certified nurse practitioner, as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, who is certified in psychiatric mental health by a national certifying organization approved by the Board of Nursing under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code;
  - d. A clinical nurse specialist, as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code, who is certified in psychiatric mental health by a national certifying organization approved by the Board of Nursing under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code.

If a claim rejects at the pharmacy point of sale, the prescriber's specialty may not be updated with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM). To update your specialty, please email the following information to [Medicaid\\_Provider\\_Update@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:Medicaid_Provider_Update@medicaid.ohio.gov):

- Prescriber name, NPI and/or Medicaid ID
- Specialty type that defines prescriber as being exempt for prior authorization for psychotropic drugs per ORC 5167.12

## Questions?

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-800-488-0134**.