

Fiscal Year 2018

**Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children Act
A Report to the General Assembly**

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From: The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

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Re: Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children Act: A Report to the General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

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Public Act 097-0245, the Administration of Psychotropic Medication to Children Act was enacted in Fiscal Year 2011. Among other things, it required that the Department of Children and Family Services (“DCFS”) promulgate final rules, amending its current rules establishing and maintaining standards and procedures to govern the administration of psychotropic medications. Rule 325 “*Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children for whom The Department of Children and Family Services is Legally Responsible*” was promulgated February 24, 2012.

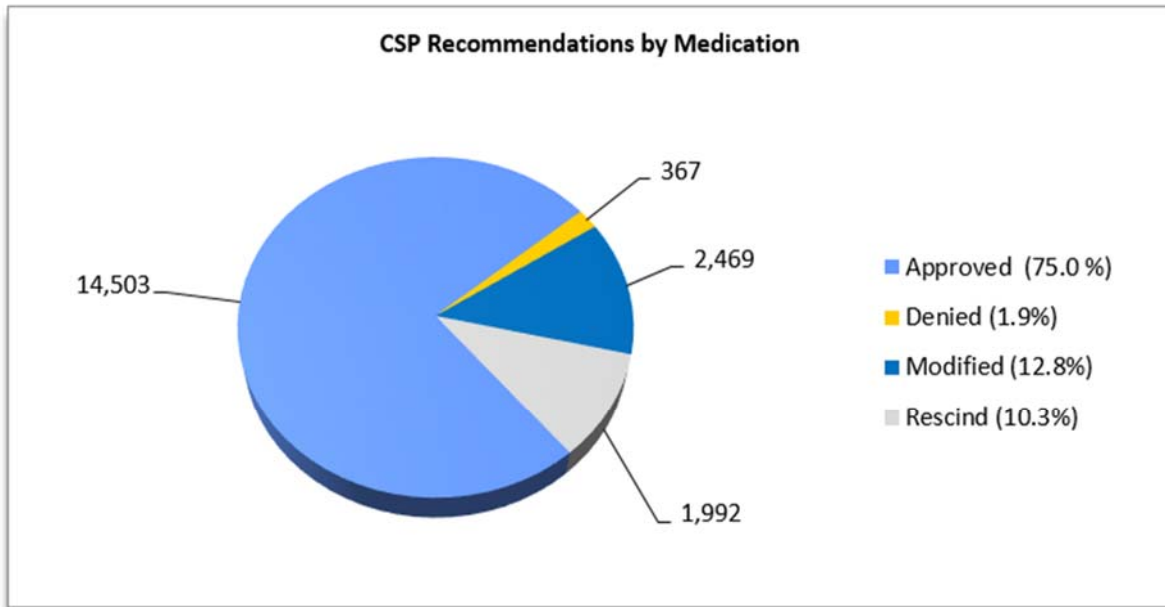
The Act also requires that no later than December 31st of each year, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly concerning the administration of psychotropic medication. The report should include the number of clinicians and facilities that regularly prescribe/administer psychotropic medications to foster children without the consent of the DCFS Guardian, the number of warnings issued to these individuals and the number of physicians and facilities that have been reported to their licensing bodies. The following is the Fiscal Year 2018 report to the General Assembly detailing the actions the Department has taken pursuant to this Act’s requirements.

In Fiscal Year 2018 there were 127 violations of Rule 325 compromising a total of 149 medications. The chart below reflects those violations.

Fiscal Year 18 Report to the General Assembly				
Violations of Rule 325				
	# Youth with Meds out of Compliance	# Meds Out of Compliance	Total # Med Requests in	
			FY18	% Compliance
Consent Violations by Providers				
Physicians / Nurse Practitioners ¹	27	33		
Unknown ²	100	116		
Total Violations	127	149	19,331	99.2%
Other Violations not counted against Providers³				
	147	224		
Notice to Physicians / Nurse Practitioners⁴				
Warnings Issued	2			
Prescribers issued Warnings ⁵	2			
Reports to Regulatory Bodies				
	# Reported	Results		
Physicians reported to IDFPR	0	N/A		
Facilities reported to IDPH	0	N/A		
Facilities reported to Licensing	0	N/A		
NOTES:				
¹ Violations by providers who prescribed or continued psychotropic medications without consent, or who prescribed a dose beyond the consented range for 5 or more youth in care in the reporting period.				
² The computer data is unable to identify all of the doctors who prescribed without consents. We now pull payment data from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reduce the number of unknown providers. We hope to increase the frequency payment data from HFS on psychotropic medications and prescribers to a weekly basis in order to fully monitor use of psychotropic medications.				
³ We have identified situations in which compliance is hindered by factors outside of the prescribing physician's control (e.g. New Youth in Care, New Clinician, Over the Counter Medication taken at home, Placement of the minor in the Department of Corrections.) These violations are no longer counted against the current prescribers, allowing them time to come into compliance and avoid disruptions in treatment.				
⁴ The medical providers in violation of Rule 325 were issued a written warning. No physician received more than one warning in FY18.				
⁵ DCFS is now working with HFS to require proof of DCFS consent prior to the dispensing of psychotropic medications, resulting in fewer medications being administered without consent. In addition, DCFS has entered into ongoing relationships with several of the physicians with prior violations, bringing them into compliance and ensuring continued adherence with the law.				

Of the 19,331 psychotropic medication consent requests submitted for approval in Fiscal Year 18, 75.0% were approved as written, 12.8% were approved as modified, 10.3% were rescinded by the provider and 1.9% were denied.

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Recommendation	Frequency	Percent
Approved (75.0 %)	14,503	75.0%
Denied (1.9%)	367	1.9%
Modified (12.8%)	2,469	12.8%
Rescind (10.3%)	1,992	10.3%
Total	19,331	100.0%

There are no recommendations for legislative changes or amendments to any of its rules or procedures established or maintained in compliance with this Act.