

Fiscal Year 2023

**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 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

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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.

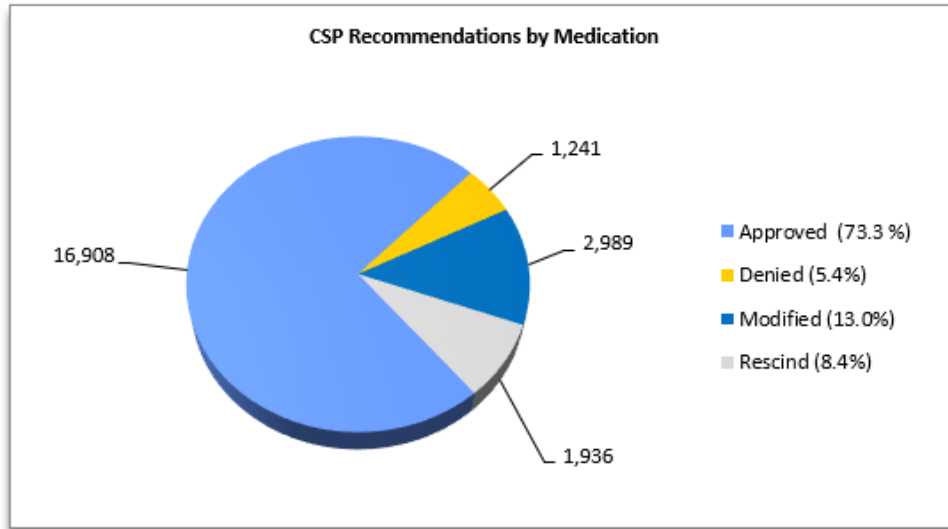
The Act also requires that no later than December 31st of each year, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly concerning the administration of psychotropic medication. The report should include the number of clinicians and facilities 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 2023 report to the General Assembly detailing the actions the Department has taken pursuant to this Act’s requirements.

In Fiscal Year 2023 there were 87 violations of Rule 325 by providers compromising a total of 103 medications. The chart below reflects those violations.

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Violations of Rule 325				
	# Youth with Meds out of Compliance	# Meds Out of Compliance	Total # Med Requests	% Compliance
Consent Violations by Providers				
Physicians / Nurse Practitioners ¹	10	10		
Unknown ²	77	93		
Total Violations³	87	103	23,074	99.6%
Other Violations not counted against Providers⁴				
	573	819		
Notice to Physicians / Nurse Practitioners⁵				
Warnings Issued	0			
Prescribers issued Warnings	0			
Reports to Regulatory Bodies				
	# Reported	Results		
Physicians reported to IDFP	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 providers who prescribed without consents. At the end of Calendar Year 2022, an exchange of weekly payment data was implemented between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and DCFS/UIC which enabled us to reduce the number of unknown providers and to better monitor use of psychotropic medications. UIC is now receiving data and incorporating it into the psychotropic medication oversight monitoring system.				
³ At the end of Calendar Year 2022, DCFS/UIC established a real time connection with HFS to the DCFS youth Medicaid Payment data feed. Accurate and detailed information about all current medications that a youth is taking enables us to make the best decisions for the safety of the youth when consenting to psychotropic medications. These results began to be realized in Fiscal Year 23.				
⁴ 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.				
⁵ DCFS and UIC work directly 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 23,074 psychotropic medication consent requests submitted for approval in Fiscal Year 23, 73.3% were approved as written, 13.0% were approved as modified, 8.4% were rescinded by the provider and 5.4% were denied.

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Recommendation	
Approved (73.3 %)	16,908
Denied (5.4%)	1,241
Modified (13.0%)	2,989
Rescind (8.4%)	1,936
Total	23,074

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