Informed Consent For Taking Psychotropic Medications

**BHS UCRM**

**COMPLETED BY:**

1. Physician (MD or DO)
2. Nurse Practitioner
	1. **\*\*Note: While the forms state “Medical Staff” for signature being obtained this still only applies to a Physician or Nurse Practitioner.\*\***

# COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Required for all client receiving psychotropic medication.
2. Updated when there is a medication change.
3. Client and/or Parent Guardian must sign and date.
4. All areas and fields shall be addressed and staff completing must sign and date.
5. For CYF programs, the JV220 may be utilized in place of the Informed Consent for Taking Psychotropic Medications Form if the following are met:
	* The prescribing psychiatrist includes legible documentation which explains the method of administration for each medication prescribed. This can be documented in question #20 on the JV220A or question #17 in the JV220B.
	* The prescribing psychiatrist has sent along a legible document as an attachment to the JV220 which documents the side effects for shorter or longer duration use of the medication. The prescribing psychiatrist should identify on this attachment document the medications that they are prescribing. This form is to be sent along with the JV220 form to the courts for signature.

# DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS:

1. State law defines informed consent as the voluntary consent of the client to take psychotropic medication after the physician has reviewed the following with him/her:
	1. Explanation of the nature of the mental health condition and why psychotropic medication is being recommended.
	2. The general type (antipsychotic, antidepressant, etc.) of medication being prescribed and the medication's specific name.
	3. The dose, frequency and administration route of the medication being prescribed.
	4. What situations, if any, warrant taking additional medications.
	5. How long it is expected that the client will be taking the medication.
	6. Whether there are reasonable treatment alternatives.
	7. Documentation of "informed consent" to take psychotropic medication. A new form is to be completed:
		1. When a new or different type of medication is prescribed.
		2. When the client resumes taking medication following a documented withdrawal of consent.
		3. When there is a change in dosage. A “dosage range” may be used to reduce the frequency at which the form is updated.