**Psychotropic Medication Informed Consent Guide**

California State law defines informed consent as the voluntary consent of the client to take psychotropic medication.

Completed by:

* Prescribing provider (MD, DO, or PNP).

Compliance requirements:

* Required for all clients receiving psychotropic medications.
* Updated when there is a mediation change.
* Client and/or parent, guardian must sign and date.
* Explained in client’s preferred, primary language.

Documentation standards:

* Clients right to accept or refuse medication.
* Explanation of the nature of the mental health condition and why the psychotropic medication is prescribed.
* Type of medication prescribed (antipsychotic, antidepressant, etc.) and the specific name of the medication.
* Dose, frequency, and administration route of medication prescribed.
* What situations, if any, warrant taking additional medications.
* Whether there are reasonable treatment alternatives.
* Expected length of treatment.
* Possible additional side effects which may happen when taking medication(s) longer than three months. If taking a typical or atypical anti-psychotic medication, client will be given information on tardive dyskinesia. These symptoms are potentially irreversible and may appear after the medication has been discontinued.

A new form is required when:

* A new or different type of medication is prescribed.
* The client resumes taking medication following a documented withdrawal of consent.
* There is a change in dosage. A “dosage range” may be used to reduce the frequency at which the form is updated.