



DEPARTMENT OF
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Division of Developmental Disabilities

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is seeking public comment on proposed changes to the **Division Behavior Supports Policy Manual Chapter 700-Behavior Modifying Medications**

Reason for changes: This policy was updated to state the requirements for the use of psychotropic medications in licensed residential settings.

Description of changes:

- Added purpose statement
- Clarified that herbal remedies and supplements prescribed as a scheduled dose solely for the purpose of sleep preparation, such as Melatonin are not considered psychotropic medications.
- Retained language from previous policy, in alignment with Article 9
- Changed “older” and “newer” antipsychotic medications to “first generation” and “second generation”
- The remaining language was moved to other sections of the behavior support manual
 - Monitoring Behavior Plans- moved to Chapter 800
 - Removed “Paper Review” process, and replaced it with “PRC Annual Review Exception Process” in chapter 400, Program Review Committee
 - Removed “Exit Criteria” and replaced it in Chapter 400, Program Review Committee.

Dates: Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning February 28, 2024 and closing March 29, 2024. Comments must be received no later than March 29, 2024, 11:59 pm, Arizona time.

Instructions: (Complete instructions are located on the Division’s [webpage](#))

- The policy may be viewed by clicking [here](#).
- Comments may be submitted online by clicking [here](#).
- Use the line numbers to reference specific comments.
- Do not include any information that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.



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If access to the online form is not available, comments can be submitted by email to the DDD Policy Unit at DDDpolicy@azdes.gov.

- Submit your comments, along with your full name, mailing address, and phone number.
- If you represent an organization, include the organization's name.

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