Which medications need to be listed in Section IV of the Level I Screen?

It is required that any medication being used to treat a mental health condition is to be listed in Section IV: Psychotropic Medications.

It is required, for any medication that is prescribed for a mental health condition and is NOT listed in the drop down menu, that the medication, dosage and the mental health condition be typed into the comment box at the end of Section VII.

It is required, for any medication that is prescribed for an intellectual disability or related condition (example: epilepsy), that the medication, dosage and associated condition be typed into the comment box in Section VII.

It is not required that a psychoactive medication used to treat a medical (non-psychiatric) condition be listed during the Level I process.

What if the prescribed dosage is not listed in the drop down menu?

If the dosage is not listed, please select the value that is closest to the prescribed dosage in the drop down menu and then provide clarification in the comment box at the end of Section VII.

What if the diagnosis is not listed in the drop down menu?

Please note that several dementia diagnoses are listed under “vascular dementia” towards the bottom of the drop down list.

If a mental health diagnosis is not listed in the drop down menu, the diagnosis and any associated medications, with dosages, should be typed into the comment box at the end of Section VII.

Do we list PRN “as needed” medications?

It is not required that PRN psychoactive medications be listed. While optional, you may list in the comments any PRN psychoactive medications that you would like Ascend to consider during their review. Please type the PRN medication, dose, and diagnosis in the comments box after Section VII.

What if this medication is prescribed for a sleep disorder?

It is required that any medications prescribed for a diagnosed sleep disorder be listed. Please select “sleep disorder” from the drop-down menu in Section IV.

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The referring facility/hospital listed the medications in the comments, is this sufficient?

All scheduled psychoactive medications for a mental health condition must be listed via the drop-down menus in Section IV. These drop-down menus do not represent an exhaustive list of medications, dosages or diagnoses. Therefore, use the comments section to include:

- Medications and dosages for mental health diagnoses that are not listed in the drop down menu
- Medications used to treat symptoms of intellectual disability or related condition
- PRN medications that Ascend should be aware of and consider as part of their review
- Dosages that are not listed in the drop down menu.

If the client's medications and/or dosage have changed, do I submit a status change to reflect the current medications?

It is not required to report a minor dosage change as a result of a routine increase or decrease in dosage, where the individual's psychiatric condition is stable.

If the individual experienced a psychoactive medication adjustment due to a major mental health change, e.g. one that results in psychiatric admission, a status change is required.

If the individual experienced a significant decline in mental health symptoms or behaviors, requiring an adjustment of psychoactive medications, a status change is required.

For more information about determining a significant clinical change:

- Please review the Iowa PASRR Provider Manual, pages 15–17: https://www.ascendami.com/pasrr/Iowa/Educational/Edu1_20_2015_9_33_12_AM.pdf
- Please review Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Information Letter No. 1482, which was sent to all providers and posted to the Iowa PASRR providers website on 2/27/15: https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1482_PreadmissionScreeningandResidentReviewUpdates.pdf
- Please review the MDS 3.0 Significant Change in Status Assessment (SCSA) https://www.ascendami.com/pasrr/Iowa/Educational/Edu8_18_2011_9_42_52_AM.pdf

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