

When contemplating status changes, you would want to ask yourself the following questions:

1. **Is the person's condition getting worse?**
2. **Are the treatments provided no longer effective?**
3. **Does the person need more supports than previously identified?**

The following medication changes are typically considered a status change:

- An individual who did not previously have a PASRR condition is now given a prescription of a new psychotropic medication for a mental health condition (not for Dementia, tic disorder, etc.).
- An individual who did not previously have a PASRR condition is now given an increase of a psychotropic medication in response to new symptoms or behaviors that are not associated with a medical condition or dementia.
- An individual was previously identified as having a PASRR condition and they are now given a prescription of a new psychotropic medication or increase in a current psychotropic medication **that signals the need for more intensive psychiatric care or treatment than what is written in the current PASRR Summary of Findings/report.**

These medication changes would **not** be considered a status change:

- Prescription of a psychotropic medication:
 - for a medical/non-MH condition (e.g., dementia, tic disorder)
 - and there is no other mental health diagnosis
 - or the medication is a prn psychotropic medication
- Increase of a psychotropic medication as a planned titration for a condition that is one of the following:
 - to treat situational depression or anxiety related to a medical condition and the condition is responding to treatment
 - to treat primary dementia or delirium and there is no other mental health diagnosis
- Initiation or completion of a Gradual Dose Reduction (GDR) of a mental health medication.
- Prescription of a PRN psychotropic medication to treat stress related to a medical condition (e.g., an anti-anxiety medication to help calm resident with COPD as he struggles to breathe).
- **Prescription of a new or increased psychotropic medication and the disability needs of the individual are addressed by the current PASRR report.**