

Florida Medicaid Drug Therapy Management Program for Behavioral Health, University of South Florida

SPRING 2014

Program Highlights and Updates — Spring 2014

Webinar:

Refractory Schizophrenia - Why Not Clozapine?

Speaker:

Randall Hemsath, MD
Lori Jo Baach

When:

Thursday, April 17th
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Register at:

medicaidmentalhealth.org

Thank you to all our Florida Community Mental Health Center partners for collaborating with us on our projects and initiatives!

Additional Program Activities

- ◆ Creating a database of all Medicaid recipients with behavioral health diagnoses to track health outcomes.
- ◆ Maintaining prior authorization registry (now through All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL).
- ◆ Attending professional conferences (local and national) to disseminate program information.

Visit medicaidmentalhealth.org for more information about program projects and activities.

◆ **Upcoming Webinars:**

- * **Refractory Schizophrenia — Why Not Clozapine? Breaking down the Myths and Barriers to Successful Clozapine Treatment** presented by Dr. Randall Hemsath at Boley Centers and Lori Jo Baach, Peer Specialist at Henderson Behavioral Health.
- * **Neurodevelopmental Disorders Webinar** — May 2014, presented by Dr. Tanya Murphy of All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

◆ **2014 Guidelines and Publications — Now Available at medicaidmentalhealth.org**

- * Neurodevelopmental Disorders: Psychotropic Medication Recommendations for Target Symptoms in Youth
- * Best Practice Psychotherapeutic Medication Guidelines for Adults
- * Improving the Monitoring of Physical Health and Side Effects of Psychotropic Medication

◆ **Health Projects and Initiatives**

- * **Clozapine Peer Support Initiative** — The goal of this initiative is to provide peer support through group meetings and on-on-one assistance to individuals who are considering use of clozapine or have recently started taking clozapine.
- * **Physical and Mental Health Integration Project** — This initiative targets high-need Medicaid patients with severe mental illness with a goal of improving their physical health status by encouraging integration of physical and mental health care.
- * **Café PERC Education Program** — The primary aim of this project is to enable consumers to self-manage their condition(s) through peer-led educational classes on medication management, recovery, and health/wellness.

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