



Care for Individuals Diagnosed with Schizophrenia and/or Prescribed Antipsychotic Medication

We appreciate you taking an active role in providing and monitoring treatment, including ordering screen/lab tests, for those diagnosed with schizophrenia and/or prescribed antipsychotic medications.



How You Can Help

Individuals who are diagnosed with Schizophrenia and/or prescribed antipsychotic medication must have metabolic/lipid testing after an initial prescription of antipsychotic medications repeated annually.

Testing includes:

- At least one test for blood glucose or HbA1c

AND

- At least one test for LDL-C or cholesterol

Refer to a Mental Health Professional

You can request referrals for members by calling the number on the back of the member's health plan ID card or searching liveandworkwell.com.

Remember to ask for contact information for other treating providers in order to coordinate care.

Medication Adherence

- Educate patients on the benefits of medication and common side effects
- Discuss how long it might take for the medication to take effect
- Encourage patients to have an open dialogue with you
- Stress the importance of remaining on medications even after they feel better
- Schedule appropriate follow-up to discuss medication adherence
- Call for reminders of upcoming appointment(s)

Resources

- More tools and information about behavioral health issues are available on providerexpress.com > Clinical Resources > Behavioral Health Toolkit for Medical Providers
- Patient education information is available on liveandworkwell.com using access code "clinician". See "Mind & Body" at the top, scroll down to find the links to topics

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