

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Surveyor Questions for Antipsychotics

*Questions concerning your residents who take antipsychotic medications
that will be considered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Office of Long-Term Care.*

- Why was the resident placed on the antipsychotic?
- What is the diagnosis, and does the diagnosis indicate the use of, or support the need for, antipsychotic medication?
- Where is the documentation of the behavior to support the diagnosis?
- Have other potential causes for the behavior been ruled out?
- Has the facility care plan for these behaviors been implemented and revised as necessary?
- What other interventions were attempted prior to the initiation of the antipsychotic?
- Where is the evidence of attempted dose reductions?
- If dose reductions have not been attempted as required per the regulation, where is the evidence that further dose reductions are clinically contraindicated?
- Is the resident exhibiting any Extra Pyramidal Symptoms (EPS) or side effects of the antipsychotic?
- Where is the evidence (if any) of any psychiatric assessments, evaluations or plans of care?

