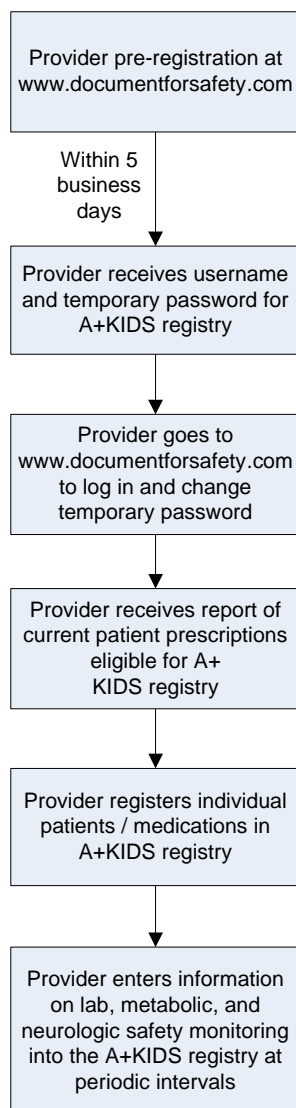


What is the A+KIDS Project?

Due to well documented safety considerations and limited efficacy information on the use of antipsychotic agents in children, NC Medicaid developed a policy titled *Off Label Antipsychotic Monitoring in Children through Age 17*. The policy creates an opportunity to gather information about antipsychotic prescribing trends within the child and adolescent Medicaid population of North Carolina. NC Medicaid and Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) have partnered with child psychiatry experts from our 4 NC medical schools to put the registry program together. Objectives of the A+KIDS registry include improving the use of evidence-based safety monitoring for patients for whom an antipsychotic agent is prescribed, reduction of antipsychotic polypharmacy, and reduction of cases in which the FDA maximum dose is exceeded. It is a safety monitoring program designed to make sure that children enrolled in NC Medicaid who are prescribed an antipsychotic medication for an “off label” indication are monitored according to generally accepted guidelines. The initial phase of the registry program will include children ages 12 and under.



What will I need to do if I prescribe an antipsychotic for a child enrolled in the Medicaid program?

Beginning in March-April 2011, you will need to go online and enter some basic information about the patient, medication, dose, diagnosis, etc. Data elements collected within the registry reflect a generally accepted monitoring profile for the safety and efficacy of antipsychotic therapy, are typically collected as part of a routine exam, and should take no longer than 5 minutes to enter. The requirement of safety monitoring documentation in the registry by the prescriber occurs when:

- The antipsychotic is prescribed for an indication that is not approved by the FDA.
- The antipsychotic is prescribed at a higher dosage than approved for a specific indication by the FDA.
- The prescribed antipsychotic will result in the concomitant use of two or more antipsychotic agents.

If the medication is prescribed for a non-FDA approved “off label” indication, information will need to be entered at “baseline” (for all new prescriptions and refill authorizations written after April 12, 2011) and then again at 3, 6, and 12 months. Once the data is entered into the registry, the pharmacy will receive authorization to pay the claim.

How do I enter the data online?

1. First you must register to gain access to the website. This is done by visiting the A+KIDS website (<http://www.documentforsafety.org>) and navigating to the Registry tab. You will need to submit some basic information (name, contact information) for both yourself as the provider as well as the practice/organization with which you are affiliated.
2. Once your access request has been validated, you will be provided with a user ID and temporary password. You will need to go into the registry to update your password before

you can begin entering information for specific patients.