



**Reminder to ALL OUT OF HOME CAREGIVERS**  
**Re: Psychotropic Medications**

- Administration of psychotropic medications to a foster child requires either consent from the parent or guardian or an order from the dependency court. If you do not have a copy of the court order/consent, please contact the Case Manager or CPI prior to administering medications.
- If a child in your care has a scheduled medication management or other psychiatric appointment, notify the child's Case Manager of the date and time of the appointment so that they can facilitate the parent's involvement in the appointment if possible. The parent must speak to the doctor to get information in order for informed consent to occur.
- **NEW MEDICATION OR DOSAGE CHANGE REQUIRES A NEW CONSENT/COURT ORDER**  
If the doctor makes any changes to the medication please advise that you cannot start a child on a new medication or change a medication dose without parental consent or court order; exception is granted if the dosage change is within the range for which consent /court order was previously obtained. If the doctor advises that delaying the medication will be harmful to the child, immediately contact the Case Manager or Case Manager Supervisor for direction. If the doctor gives you a new prescription of any kind contact the Case Manager immediately for instruction.