

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD**

**BOARD POLICY**

Reviewed and Adopted by the Board:  
Date: May 24, 2021

Signature on File  
Elfriede Roman, Superintendent

**I. SUBJECT: USE OF MEDICATION TO MANAGE BEHAVIOR**

**II. PURPOSE:**

To serve as a guide in the use of medication to modify the maladaptive behaviors of individuals served by the Board.

**III. REFERENCES:**

42 C.F.R. §483.450 Condition of participation: Client behavior and facility practices.  
Ohio Administrative Code 5123-4-01 Administration and Operation of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities  
Ohio Administrative Code 5123-2-06 Development and Implementation of Behavioral Support Strategies  
LCBDD/DEEPWOOD Policy A-19 Informed Consent  
LCBDD/DEEPWOOD Policy A-20 Human Rights  
LCBDD/DEEPWOOD Policy A-21 Behavior Support

**IV. POLICY:**

The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood acknowledges that the use of medication to support appropriate behaviors of individuals served through Board programs can be a valuable tool when necessary to protect health, safety and property. Medication to address behavior may only be used when the welfare, safety, due process, personal choice, civil and human rights of individuals have been protected.

Medication used to control behavior shall not be used unless it is prescribed by and under the supervision of a licensed physician who is involved in the interdisciplinary planning process.

Medication used for these purposes are considered a chemical restraint subject to stipulations defined in the Behavior Support Policy as well as the Human Rights policy. Use of a medication to control behavior and one not being prescribed for the

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treatment of a diagnosis is a restrictive measure and must be identified in the person centered plan.

Medication used to support behaviors that occur as a result of a diagnosis must be identified in the person's IP/IHP/ISP and must identify psychiatric symptoms and interventions for individuals, who have been diagnosed with a mental illness as found in the current version of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual.

The ultimate responsibility for appropriate monitoring of each individual's prescribed medication lies with the prescribing physician.

Board Operated ICFs IID will develop procedures to address specific requirements of 42 C.F.R. §483.450, Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-1-02 and Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-2-06.

**V. DISTRIBUTION:**

All Board Members  
All Management Staff  
All Staff (via Department Managers)  
LEADD President

**VI. REVIEWED:**

5/21, 5/19, 5/17, 5/16, 5/15, 5/14, 5/13, 05/11, 05/09, 05/07, 05/05, 03/03, 03/01, 09/99, 12/97, 08/93, 02/89