

Fiscal Year 2025

**Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children Act
A Report to the General Assembly**

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From: The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Date: December 22, 2025

Re: Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children Act: A Report to the General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Public Act 097-0245, the Administration of Psychotropic Medication to Children Act was enacted in Fiscal Year 2011. Among other things, it required that the Department of Children and Family Services (“DCFS”) promulgate final rules, amending its current rules establishing and maintaining standards and procedures to govern the administration of psychotropic medications. Rule 325 “Administration of Psychotropic Medications to Children for whom The Department of Children and Family Services is Legally Responsible” was promulgated February 24, 2012.

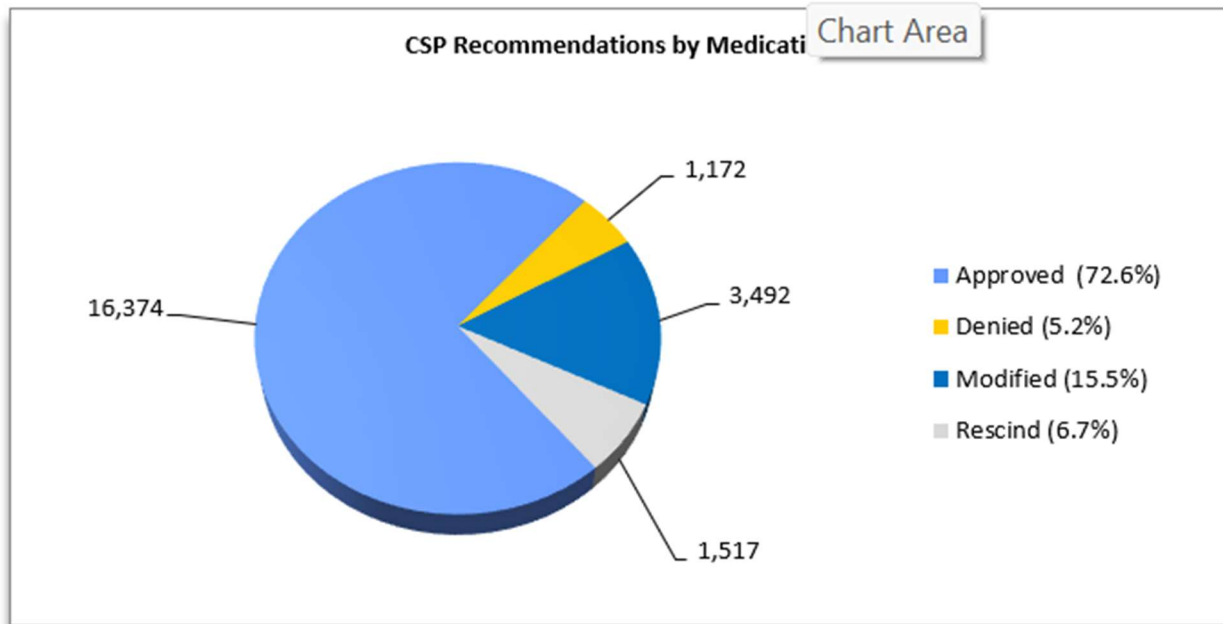
The Act also requires that no later than December 31st of each year, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report covering the previous fiscal year, to the General Assembly concerning the administration of psychotropic medication. The report should include the number of clinicians and facilities that regularly prescribe/administer psychotropic medications to foster children without the consent of the DCFS Guardian, the number of warnings issued to these individuals and the number of physicians and facilities that have been reported to their licensing bodies. The following is the Fiscal Year 2025 report to the General Assembly detailing the actions the Department has taken pursuant to this Act’s requirements.

In Fiscal Year 2025 there were no reportable violations of Rule 325 by providers, resulting in a 100% compliance rate. The chart below reflects these results.

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Violations of Rule 325				
	# Youth ²	# Meds ³	Total # Med Requests ⁴	% Compliance
Consent Violations Meeting Reporting Threshold¹				
Physicians / Nurse Practitioners	0	0		
Unknown Providers	0	0		
Total Violations meeting the Reporting Threshold	0	0	22,555	100.0%
Other Violations not counted against Providers⁵				
	383	525		
Notice to Physicians / Nurse Practitioners⁶				
Warnings Issued	0			
Prescribers issued Warnings	0			
Reports to Regulatory Bodies				
	# Reported	Results		
Physicians reported to IDFP	0	N/A		
Facilities reported to IDPH	0	N/A		
Facilities reported to Licensing	0	N/A		
NOTES:				
¹ Violations by providers who prescribed or continued psychotropic medications without consent, or who prescribed a dose beyond the consented range for 5 or more youth in care during a quarterly reporting period.				
² Number of youth included impacted by providers with reportable violations during a quarterly reporting period.				
³ Number of medications out of compliance for providers with reportable violations during a quarterly reporting period. A consent request may include multiple medications for the same child.				
⁴ Total medication requests reflect the number of prescriptions processed. Many of the medications are counted multiple times as consent is of limited duration (e.g. a medication taken for a full year with a consent approval limited to 30 days would be counted as 12 medications.) Also included are consented medication that have not been started and medications that were started but stopped due to adverse effects or nonresponse.				
⁵ We have identified situations in which compliance is hindered by factors outside of the prescribing physician's control (e.g. New Youth in Care, New Clinician, Over the Counter Medication taken at home, Placement of the minor in the Department of Corrections.) These violations are not counted against prescribers, allowing them time to come into compliance and avoid disruptions in treatment.				
⁶ DCFS and UIC work directly with HFS to require proof of DCFS consent prior to the dispensing of psychotropic medications, resulting in fewer medications being administered without consent. In addition, DCFS has entered into ongoing relationships with several of the physicians with prior violations, bringing them into compliance and ensuring continued adherence with the law.				

Of the 22,555 psychotropic medication consent requests submitted for approval in Fiscal Year 2025, 72.6% were approved as written, 15.5% were approved as modified, 6.7% were rescinded by the provider and 5.2% were denied.

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Recommendation	
Approved (72.6%)	16,374
Denied (5.2%)	1,172
Modified (15.5%)	3,492
Rescind (6.7%)	1,517
Total	22,555

There are no recommendations for legislative changes or amendments to any of its rules or procedures established or maintained in compliance with this Act.