

Research Project Title: Pharmacy and Service Cost Substudy Within Florida's Medicaid Alzheimer's Disease Waiver Evaluation

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the study is to describe and evaluate the outcomes of antipsychotic, antidepressant and cognate drug prescribing practices for persons with behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) as a result of Alzheimer's Disease. Study participants must be 60 years or older, have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and/or are taking medication prescribed for patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The study will look at those persons with BPSD within and outside Florida's Medicaid Home and Community-based Waiver program. Specifically, the study will assess the impact that newer medications have on the population of interest across outcomes such as service use, rate of nursing home placement, etc.

Project Duration: 10/1/04 through 10/1/05

Participating Personnel

Principal Investigator: Marion Becker, FMHI, USF

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PSRDC Services provided for this project:

Data: Medicaid, IDS, Baker Act

Analyses: Create file that include subjects from data sets that meet study criteria, descriptive statistics on various demographic variables, tests of significance, multivariate analyses as determined by review of data

Sponsoring Agency: Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)

Web Link: <http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/index.shtml>

Related Presentations/Publications: None to date