**Beginning March 1, 2025, ALL state mental health hospitals will begin sending discharge prescriptions and medications as follows:**

1. **For patients with active insurance:**

Up to 14 days eRx sent to pharmacy of choice

1. **For patients with no active insurance discharging to the community**:

Up to 14 days physical medications

1. **For patients discharging to any ALF/Jail/NH/Facility responsible for medication management:**

Up to 3 days physical medications, up to 14 days eRx sent to pharmacy of choice or Rx

1. **In extenuating circumstances, the Facility Medical Director may approve physical medications and/or a larger quantity of medications to ensure a successful discharge.**

 *As noted in the protocols, a psychiatric medication appointment is expected at the time of discharge.  Please continue to work with the state hospitals to ensure a psychiatric medication appointment is available to the patient for continuity of care.*

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| **Responsible Party Timeline​** |
| Social Work**​** | Confirm discharge date/time, and location.​For patients with active insurance:​Confirm preferred pharmacy for discharge medications.​Provide information to relevant staff/teams within the facility​ | Confirm copay with pharmacy​ | Collaborate with nursing staff to ensure that any physical medications that are provided to the patient at discharge are ready and a staff person is designated to ensure that the medications are given to the patient prior to leaving the facility.​ |
| Pharmacy**​** | For prescriptions called into pharmacies: ​Confirm that prescriptions are received by pharmacies and available. ​Verify copay and communicate with Social Work.​Verify any prior auth and communicate to physician.​ | For medications that will be distributed at discharge: Prepare medications according to physician's order and ensure they are available at the time of discharge.​ | ​ |
| Physician**​** | Patients with insurance: ​Confirm discharge medication, routes, and dosages. ​Patients with insurance going to non-supervised settings: ​Send prescription for discharge medications to pharmacy of choice​Patients with insurance going to supervised settings or jail: ​Confirm order for facility to provide a supply of 3 days of medications at discharge; Send prescription for discharge medications to identified pharmacy.​Patients with no confirmed insurance: Confirm order for facility to provide a 14 day supply of medications at discharge​ | Complete prior authorizations communicated from pharmacy​ | ​ |
| Nursing**​** | ​ | Collaborate with social work staff to ensure that any physical medications that are provided to the patient at discharge are ready and a staff person is designated to ensure that the medications are given to the patient prior to leaving the facility.​ |
| CSB**​** | Partner with hospital social worker to identify the most appropriate pharmacy for patients with active insurance.​Ensure that patient has required appointments with psychiatric provider and medical provider (if needed) within seven days of discharge, but no more than 14 days post-discharge.​ | Secure DAP if needed for copay or other medication coverage needs.​ | Ensure that patient will be able to obtain/pick up medications from pharmacy (may involved coordinating with patient, family, caregiver, other providers, etc.)​ |