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Date: May 19, 2021  
To: Nevada State Board of Pharmacy  
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children  
Re: Committee Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) was established in 1994 with the primary goal of preventing child maltreatment and child deaths in Nevada by making recommendations for law, policy and practice changes, staff training, and public education.

Recommendations are submitted to the Executive Committee by state regional multidisciplinary child death review teams. The Executive Committee recently reviewed a recommendation which urged that health insurance policies not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health issues, particularly for medication prescribed to assist individuals with suicidal ideation. We are asking for your collaboration in fulfilling this recommendation. Specifically, we are requesting that the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy identify and provide a list of psychotropic medications that, based on your expertise, should be covered for children by all insurance companies without the delay of determining coverage.

Our intent is to then send this list to the Nevada Insurance Commissioner and Nevada Medicaid for further collaboration in implementing this recommendation.

The Executive Committee appreciates your consideration in collaborating to fulfill this recommendation. Please contact Jessica Freeman at [jfreeman@dchs.nv.gov](mailto:jfreeman@dchs.nv.gov) or 702-486-7711 to discuss how we can work together to prevent future child deaths in Nevada.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children