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To: <u>Pharmacy Services</u>

Subject: Medicaid Formulary Comment

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Dear Scripts Board,

I wish to submit a comment for the 9-23-21 meeting to consider the state Medicaid formulary.

I am a psychiatrist at the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Center (NNAMHS). I treat the Medicaid Seriously Mentally III inpatients of northern Nevada. The full range of antipsychotic medications is necessary to treat these people, particularly the long acting injectable (LAI) antipsychotic medications. The use of LAI medications significantly reduces hospital readmissions. With out all 7 LAI's available to the Medicaid population, hospital admissions will increase in both frequency and length. I encourage the board to keep open access to antipsychotic medications for Medicaid patients. Please feel free to call upon me for more information.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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