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| PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS – ANTI-ANXIETY MEDICATIONS | | | | NO. 222c | |
| It is the policy of Winning Wheels, Inc that anti-anxiety medications may be used for the following:   1. Generalized anxiety disorder 2. Panic Disorder 3. Symptomatic anxiety that occurs in resident with another diagnosed psychiatric disorder (i.e. depression, adjustment disorder) 4. Organic mental syndrome/Cognitive disorder with associated agitated states which constitute sources of distress or dysfunction to the resident or represent a danger to the resident or others. Must be behavior monitored/tracked.   Gradual dose reduction must be attempted after four continuous months of daily use before anti-anxiety dose reduction is considered clinically contradicted.  Gradual dose reduction must be attempted at least twice within one year before anti-anxiety dose reduction is considered clinically contradicted.  Short-acting benzodiazepines must be attempt first before long-acting benzodiazepins can be utilized. Exceptions to these guidelines are as follows:   1. Valium used for neuromuscular syndromes (Cerebral palsy, Tardive dyskinesia, Seizure disorders) 2. Long-acting benzodiazepine used to withdraw resident from short-acting benzodiazepine. 3. Klonopin used in bipolar disorders, Tardive dyskinesia, Nocturnal myoclonus, or Seizure disorders. | | | | | |
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