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SUBJECT: Narrative Report for Academic Detailing (AD) Grant:
*Use of Academic Detailing to Improve Mental Health Medication
Prescribing for Idaho Medicaid Participants*
Project Term: January—December 2009

Progress to date:

This second quarterly report submitted on the Prescription Project grant covers the period March 1 to June 1, 2009. The Core Project Team continues to plan and monitor grant progress. The Team consists of AD Project Leader and Pharmacy Supervisor Tami Eide, PharmD; Medicaid Pharmacist Jane Gennrich, PharmD, who will also serve as an academic detailer; Project Coordinator and Medical Program Specialist Bob Faller; and Pharmacy Technician Donna Day. The Team meets approximately every two weeks.

Due to staffing issues, the first detailing visits have been postponed until July. These visits will be focused on ADHD medications. A revised schedule is included below:

	ADHD (Jane)	Atypical Antipsychotics (Tami)	Antiepileptics for Mood Disorders (Elise)	Newer Antidepressants (Selma)
Review evidence	01/01/09 -01/31/09	02/15/09 -03/14/09	04/01/09 – 04/30/09	05/15/09 - 06/14/09

Draft clinician guide	02/01/09 – 02/28/09	03/15/09 -04/14/09	05/01/09 – 05/31/09	06/15/09 - 07/14/09
Input on guide	03/01/09 - 03/31/09	04/15/09 – 05/14/09	06/01/09 - 06/30/09	07/15/08 – 08/14/09
Finalize guide	04/01/09 – 06/30/09	05/15/09 – 07/04/09	07/01/09 – 07/31/09	08/15/09 – 09/14/09 –
Staff module development	04/01/09 – 05/14/09	05/15/09 – 07/04/09	07/1/09 – 07/31/09	08/15/09 – 09/14/09
Staff education	05/15/09 – 06/30/09	07/05/09 – 07/31/09	08/01/09 – 08/30/09	09/15/09 – 10/14/09
Detailing visits	07/05/09- 07/31/09	08/01/09 – 08/30/09	9/01/09 – 10/14/09	10/15/09 – 11/30/09

Grant activities accomplished during this time period:

- A Clinician’s Guide for ADHD Medications has been developed and is in the final stages of editing.
- Detailer training on ADHD is underway
- A dedicated laptop computer has been purchased and programmed for the detailers.
- Preliminary work on the atypical antipsychotics module is being completed.
- Provider profiling indicators to evaluate prescribing patterns (pre- and post-academic detailing) have been formulated and analysis is occurring for ADHD and atypical antipsychotics.

Next Steps:

- Setting appointments with selected prescribers for ADHD visits. This should take place in the next few days. Appointments will be set on other visit categories per the schedule above.
- Drafting and finalizing of clinicians’ guides for atypical antipsychotics, antiepileptics for mood disorders, and newer antidepressants based on timelines for scheduled visits.
- AD visits for psychosis are scheduled to begin near the end of the next reporting period.

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