

STANDING ORDER REGARDING PSYCHOTROPTIC MEDICATION IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS there are repeated violations regarding the notifications required by the *Texas Family Code* § 264.018 and repeated failures to disclose medical care information in court reports as required by the *Texas Family Code* § 266.007, the County Court at Law of Panola County and the Northeast Texas Child Protection Court 1 of Panola County finds the following orders are necessary to protect each child and are in the best interest of each child before the Court while in the temporary or permanent managing conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and its contractor 4 Kids 4 Families (herein collectively referred to as the "Department"):

1. **IT IS ORDERED** that the right to consent to psychotropic medications shall be exercised jointly by the Department's primary caseworker and the child's guardian ad litem.
2. **IT IS ORDERED** that, if a child was not receiving any psychotropic medication at the time the child came into in the conservatorship of the Department, no psychotropic medication may be administered without a court order authorizing the medication.
3. Notwithstanding the restriction in Paragraph 2 above, **IT IS ORDERED** that during an emergency involving an immediate danger to the health and safety of a child, the Department and the guardian ad litem may agree to place a child on psychotropic medication without prior court approval. In that event, a hearing must be held within five (5) business days after consent is given.
4. **IT IS ORDERED** that this standing order shall apply to children who are in relative or fictive kin placement, as well as those in foster placements.
5. **IT IS ORDERED** that this standing order is effective immediately and supersedes all prior orders or designations for medical consenters. SAVE AND EXCEPT it shall not apply to cases where a parent or the child the subject of the suit is the consenter.

Psychotropic medication as used herein shall have the same definition as found in *Texas Family Code* § 266.001. The orders above do not alter the Department's notification duties under *Texas Family Code* § 264.018.

Signed this 23rd day July, 2024.

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