

**DDS MEDICAL ADVISORY # 91-1
APPENDIX B**

NEUROLEPTIC DOSE REDUCTION: EARLY WARNING SIGNS CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Address: _____

Instructions:

At the end of each shift, please check each of the following descriptors, which applied to the resident. Each description should be checked ONLY if the behavior, conduct or affect seemed unusual or a significant change for the resident. Please make first shift checks in blue/black, second shift checks in green, and third shift checks in red. Initial the bottom of each column, with notes on reverse side.

| Report Period: from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___ | Sun | M | T | W | Th | F | Sat |
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| REFUSED MEAL (did not attempt to eat one or more meals when offered) | | | | | | | |
| SEDATED (over sedated/excessive sleeping/sluggish for much of shift) | | | | | | | |
| NO INTEREST (Less social interaction/no response to conversation, Markedly less engagement in activities of daily living) | | | | | | | |
| ALONE (extreme isolation/withdrawal/avoidance of social interaction) | | | | | | | |
| INCONTINENT (repeated incontinence not cause by physical limitations) | | | | | | | |
| PREOCCUPIED (unusual, excessive, repeated engagement in only one or Two activities or topics of conversation) | | | | | | | |
| EXCITABLE (motor agitation/excessive or rapid speech /excessive Movements/euphoric affect) | | | | | | | |
| TALKING NONSENSE (bizarre speech/repeated nonsensical statements) | | | | | | | |
| PARANOID (speech or behavior indicating excessive suspicion of others) | | | | | | | |
| NOISY (excessively loud vocalizations at a pitch or intensity sufficient to Disturb others for much of the shift) | | | | | | | |
| LAUGHTER (laughing or giggling for no apparent reason) | | | | | | | |
| CRYING (crying or sobbing with tears for no apparent reason) | | | | | | | |
| TREMBLING (shaking or trembling distinct from muscle tremors) | | | | | | | |
| SWEATING (excessive sweating not caused by activity or heat) | | | | | | | |
| HOSTILE (repeated threatening, demanding or hostile comments) | | | | | | | |
| AGGRESSION (hitting/grabbing/kicking/scratching/biting others) | | | | | | | |
| INSOMNIA (awake most of the night/awakening unusually early) | | | | | | | |
| HYPERSOMNIA (sleeping more than usual/retiring unusually early sleeping unusually late) | | | | | | | |
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