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➤ **PURPOSE**

DCFS Form 98-K is used for the parent and/or legal guardian or legal custodian to give consent for use of psychotropic medication(s) as a treatment for behavioral health issues for a child who is placed in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services. The form can document the court has ordered use of medication to treat the child's condition, but the specific documentation will be within the actual court order. The form is also used to advise the parent and/or legal guardian and foster caretaker of the medical practitioner recommending the medication(s) for the child's behaviors/conditions, the symptoms the medication(s) are targeting, potential side effects of the medication(s), and all other interventions utilized prior to recommendation of the use of psychotropic medication(s). The 98K gives or denies consent by the parent, legal guardian or legal custodian to the treating Psychiatrists to administer psychotropic medications to a child.

➤ **PREPARATION**

Signatures should be obtained as appropriate, based on the case circumstances. Form 98-K is completed in quadruplets for each purpose for which it is used.

➤ **DISPOSITION**

One copy of the signed form is maintained in Section 6 of the child's case record. A signed copy of the Form 98-K is provided to the parent(s) each time completed. A copy of the 98-K is provided to the prescribing behavioral health practitioner to provide consent or denial for treatment. The final copy of the 98-K is provided to the caretaker at the time of placement or as placement changes occur.