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New Clinical Practice Guideline

Community Care utilizes Clinical Practice Guidelines to help providers and members make decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances. These evidence-based guidelines are reviewed at least every two years, updated as appropriate and approved by the Quality and Care Management Committees.

In addition to the APA's Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Major Depressive Disorder (Second Edition – April 2000) and NIDA's Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research Based Guide, **Community Care has recently adopted the APA's Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia (Second Edition – April 2004) and the associated Treating Schizophrenia – A Quick Reference Guide.**

To obtain copies of the APA guidelines for Major Depressive Disorder and Schizophrenia, contact the American Psychiatric Association, 1400 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. The guidelines and watch may also be obtained at no cost via the APA website at:
http://www.psych.org/psych_pract/treatg/pg/prac_guide.cfm

To obtain copies of the NIDA "Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research Based Guide", contact the National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 5213, Bethesda, MD 20892. The guideline may also be obtained via the NIDA website at
<http://www.nida.nih.gov/PODAT/PODATIndex.html>

For more information about the Clinical Practice Guidelines, contact Community Care at 1-888-251-2224.