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HEADS OF STATE AGENCIES
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CHANGE #2
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 616

PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

PURPOSE: To remove the ninety day limit for the prescription of psychotropic medication and to change the approval of the use of multiple classes of psychotropic medication or multiple prescriptions of the same class of psychotropic medications to include Continuous Quality Improvement audit and review.

CHANGES TO BE MADE:

Reference:	**Action Required:**
AR 616, *Psychotropic Medication*, dated September 21, 2004.	
Section V. E. 2.	Delete the paragraph.
Section V. E. 5.	Change paragraph to read: "Instances that require a prescription for more than three (3) classes of psychotropic medication will be subject to quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement audit and review."
Section V. E. 6.	Change paragraph to read: "Instances that require a prescription for two (2) or more psychotropic medications in the same class of drugs will be subject to quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement audit and review."

File this numbered change at the back of the regulation after annotating both the index and the regulation to indicate changes have been completed. Advise all personnel in your organization of the change to this regulation.

Richard F. Allen, Commissioner