Q: What is the medication fund?
A: The medication fund is a fund that has been available to consumers since July 2007. The fund is available to help pay for behavioral health medications for people who do not have access to medication programs or are unable to pay for medications.

Q: Who is eligible for the fund?
A: The fund is available to adult consumers (18 years and older) with the following diagnoses:
- Schizophrenia, or
- Bipolar Disorder, or
- Major Depressive Disorder, or
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Adolescent consumers (17-20 years old) must meet one of the following criteria:
- Involved with Juvenile Justice, or
- In CYFD custody, or
- Have just aged out of the CYFD system

Q: Are individuals who have Medicaid or Medicare coverage eligible?
A: No, since Medicaid and Medicare both have prescription programs, these individuals are not eligible for the funding.

Q: Are individuals who have private insurance coverage eligible?
A: No, unless their private insurance does not have a prescription program.

Q: Who requests access to the funding?
A: Any contracted OptumHealth New Mexico behavioral health provider who provides the individual with a prescription and fills out the request form. The provider must certify that the person needing assistance is eligible based on the criteria, and has pursued other payment options.

Q: How do I request funding?
A: The requesting provider must fill out a Medication Fund Registration Form and fax the form to OptumHealth New Mexico. OptumHealth New Mexico will review the form and fax the form back to the provider with a decision. The Registration Form is available on our website, http://www.optumhealthnewmexico.com, in the Provider Portal or by calling 1-866-660-7182.

Q: What medications are covered?
A: Under the Medication Fund, medications in the following categories will be covered, if they are on the OptumHealth New Mexico formulary/PDL. Non-formulary/Non-PDL medications will require a prior authorization.

- Antipsychotics
- Benzodiazepines
- Antidepressants
- Sedating Antihistamines
- Stimulants
- Anxiolytics
- Thyroid Agents
- Beta Blockers
- Autonomic Agents
- Lithium
Q: **How can I find out what medications are on the formulary/PDL?**
A: The OptumHealth New Mexico formulary/PDL is available online at [http://www.optumhealthnewmexico.com](http://www.optumhealthnewmexico.com), in the Provider Portal or by calling 1-866-660-7182.

Q: **What if the medication I prescribed is not on the formulary/PDL?**
A: You can fill out a prior authorization request. OptumHealth New Mexico will review the request and let you know if it is approved.

Q: **How long can an individual receive funding?**
A: If an individual is approved to receive funding, The Medication Fund is available for 2 months or up to $1000. Once they reach either limit, other funding sources need to be utilized. The Medication Fund is only a bridge until other funding sources are available.

Q: **Who manages the Medication Fund?**
A: OptumHealth New Mexico will manage the fund and the State of New Mexico will provide oversight to ensure that the fund is being used correctly.

Q: **My patient has reached the 2 months or $1000 limit, can I reapply for them?**
A: No, the fund is limited and it is a one time benefit. You can call us at 1-866-660-7182 if you need assistance finding another source of payment for medications for the consumer you are treating.