Prescription Privileges for Native Psychologists

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- Introduction
- Background
History

- In 1985 in Hawaii the first bill to authorize prescription privileges for psychologists was presented.

- In the State of Hawaii the bill allowed licensed psychologists to prescribe and administer psychotropic medication.

- US Department on Defense, in 1988 began a pilot project to train psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications, in specific circumstances.


- 2002 New Mexico first state to approve legislation.

- 2004: Louisiana: Medical Board (only)
APA Guidelines

• In December 2011, the APA established practice guidelines that applies to prescribing activities.

• There are 17 established guidelines.
• The categories are general, education, assessment, intervention and consultation.

Indian Health Service

• Patient Load
• Lack of Psychiatrist
• Staffing in clinic, emergency room and mental health department.
Discussion

• Role of psychologists in Indian Country
• Additional education required for Post Doctoral Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology.
• Need for Native Psychologists.

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