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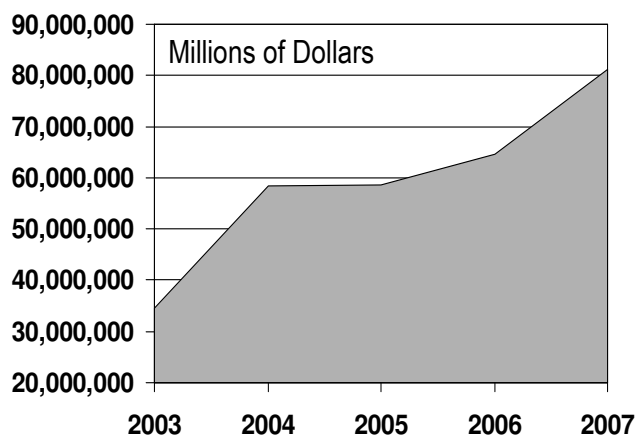
# Texas Medicaid Children Inappropriately Prescribed Powerful Antipsychotic Drugs

**Antipsychotic drugs are mind-altering, nerve seizing chemicals, the most powerful in psychiatry's arsenal. Texas has seen exploding use of these drugs in children (in the Medicaid program), some younger than two years old!**

**I**t is a shame and a disgrace on the state of Texas that we are poisoning large numbers of our children with antipsychotic drugs. These neuroleptic drugs have caused permanent neurological damage (Tardive Dyskinesia) in a high percentage of people who take them. The current versions, such as Risperdal, Seroquel and Zyprexa, cause severe weight gain and diabetes. The manufacturers of antipsychotic drugs have had to pay billions of dollars in settlements to injured patients.

The attorneys general of various states, including Texas, are suing the manufacturers of these drugs for fraudulent advertising and marketing campaigns, including those that target children. In Texas, the revelation of ethical scandals involved in the development and implementation of the Texas Medication Algorithm Project (TMAP) has resulted in the firing of the TDMHMR medical director, Steven Shon, and the discontinuation of the children's version, called CMAP.

## Antipsychotic Prescription Spending Texas Medicaid Children 0-18



### Pediatric Drug Review

**"47% of patients receiving antipsychotics do not appear to have a proper diagnosis warranting their use."**

**"Inappropriate dosing among agents within each drug class revealed that 52% of antipsychotics, 14% of stimulants and 10% of antidepressant doses were potentially administered inappropriately."**

Brian Flood, Inspector General, Texas Health and Human Services 2004 (Texas Pediatric/Adolescent Drug Review)

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