STANDING ORDER REGARDING PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES IN THE 326th DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE TAYLOR COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION COURT

The following orders are necessary to protect children and families and are in the best interest of each child while in the temporary or permanent managing conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and its contractor 2INgage (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Department"). The orders are based upon the requirements mandated by Texas Family Code Section 264.018, and by Section 266.007.

1. **IT IS ORDERED** that the right to consent to psychotropic medications shall be exercised jointly by the Department's primary caseworker and the child's guardian ad litem.

2. **IT IS ORDERED** that, if a child was not receiving psychotropic medication at the time the child came into the Department's conservatorship, no psychotropic medication may be administered without a court order authorizing the medication.

3. Notwithstanding the restriction in Paragraph 2 above, **IT IS ORDERED** that during an emergency involving an immediate danger to the health and safety of a child, the Department and the guardian ad litem may agree to place a child on psychotropic medication without prior court approval. In that event, a hearing must be requested within two (2) business days after the consent is given.

4. **IT IS ORDERED** that this standing order shall apply to children who are in relative or fictive kin placements, as well as those in foster placements.

5. **IT IS ORDERED** that this standing order is effective immediately and supersedes all prior orders or designations for medical consenters, **SAVE AND EXCEPT** it shall not apply to cases where a parent or the child the subject of the suit is the consenter.

Psychotropic medication as used herein shall have the same definition as found in Texas Family Code Section 266.001. The orders above do not alter the Department's notification duties as per Section 264.018.

Signed this 9th day of November 2026.

Hon. Sandra B. Self
Associate Judge
Taylor County Child Protection Court

Hon. Paul R. Rotenberry
District Judge
326th District Court, Taylor County