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New Tool Engages Parents of Children with ADHD in Treatment Decisions

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PolicyLab's Alex Fiks and team have published a first-of-its-kind tool to help parents and health care providers better treat ADHD (attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder). The newly developed questionnaire helps families identify their goals and preferences for treatment and can serve as the basis for a conversation about treatment with their medical providers. In soliciting family input, the tool supports "shared decision-making," a proven approach in which doctors and patients jointly reach decisions about medical treatment. Shared decision-making is not yet widely used in pediatric settings; however, this tool's success with ADHD provides a promising model for possible future expansion to other pediatric medical conditions. For more information, see the press release, 1-page summary, and ADHD Preference and Goal Instrument.

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