

Prior authorization notice: use of stimulants and other ADHD agents in children ages 3 or younger

Summary: The Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee and the Kansas Drug Utilization Review Board reviewed and approved prior authorization (PA) criteria for the use of stimulant medications in members ages 3 or younger. Effective November 1, 2016, the medications listed below will require PA for members ages 3 or younger. To facilitate continuity of care, members currently established on these medications prior to November 1, 2016, will not be subject to this PA requirement for one year. The PA criteria for stimulants for members ages 3 or younger may be found on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at www.kdheks.gov/hcf/pharmacy/pa_criteria.htm.

Stimulants and other ADHD medications requiring PA for members ages 3 or younger:

- Amphetamine (Adzenys XR[®] and Dyanavel XR[®])
- Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine (Adderall[®] and Adderall XR[®])
- Atomoxetine (Strattera[®])
- Clonidine HCl ER (Kapvay[®])
- Dexmethylphenidate HCl (Focalin[®] and Focalin XR[®])
- Dextroamphetamine Sulfate (Dexedrine[®], DextroStat[®], ProCentra[®] and Zenedi[®])
- Guanfacine ER (Intuniv[®])
- Lisdexamphetamine Dimesylate (Vyvanse[®])
- Methamphetamine HCl (Desoxyn[®])
- Methylphenidate HCl (Aptensio XR[®], Concerta[®], Metadate CD[®], Metadate ER[®], Methylin[®], Quillichew ER[®], Quillivant XR[®], Ritalin[®] and Ritalin LA[®])
- Methylphenidate Transdermal (Daytrana[®])

PA criteria for stimulants and other ADHD medications prescribed to children ages 3 or younger:

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation/collaboration with, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, pediatric neurologist or developmental-behavioral pediatrician.

Length of approval: 12 months

What action do I need to take?

You will need to obtain a PA for members ages 3 or younger starting a stimulant or other ADHD agent on or after November 1, 2016. To facilitate continuity of care, members currently established on stimulant or other ADHD agents prior to November 1, 2016, will not be subject to this PA requirement for one year.

What if I need assistance?

To obtain a PA, please call our Pharmacy PA department at 1-855-201-7170 and follow the voice prompts for pharmacy prior authorization.

If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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