

Prior authorization notice: maximum daily dose limits for stimulants and other ADHD agents

Summary: The Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee and the Kansas Drug Utilization Review Board reviewed and approved prior authorization (PA) criteria for stimulants and other ADHD agents. Effective October 3, 2016, doses exceeding the maximum daily limit for the stimulants and other ADHD agents listed below will require PA. To facilitate continuity of care, members currently established on stimulants and other ADHD agents prior to October 3, 2016, will not be subject to this PA requirement for one year. The PA criteria for stimulant and other ADHD agents 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 agents	Maximum daily dose
Amphetamine (Dyanavel®)	20 milligrams (mg)
Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine (Adderall®)	60 mg
Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine (Adderall XR®)	60 mg
Atomoxetine (Strattera®)	100 mg
Clonidine HCl	0.4 mg
Clonidine HCl ER (Kapvay®)	0.4 mg
Dexmethylphenidate HCl ER (Focalin XR®)	50 mg
Dexmethylphenidate HCl (Focalin®)	20 mg
Dextroamphetamine sulfate (Dexedrine®, DextroStat®, ProCentra® and Zenzedi®)	60 mg
Guanfacine HCl (Tenex®)	4 mg
Guanfacine HCl ER (Intuniv®)	7 mg
Lisdexamphetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®)	70 mg
Methamphetamine HCl (Desoxyn®)	25 mg
Methylphenidate HCl (Methylin® and Ritalin®)	100 mg
Methylphenidate HCl ER (Aptensio XR®, Metadate CD®, Metadate ER®, QuilliChew ER®, Quillivant XR® and Ritalin LA®)	100 mg
Methylphenidate HCl ER (Concerta®)	108 mg
Methylphenidate Transdermal (Daytrana®)	30 mg/9 hours/day

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PA criteria for stimulants/ADHD agents dosing limits:

Doses exceeding those listed in the table above will require a PA.

- Prior authorization will require a peer-to-peer consult with a health plan psychiatrist, medical director, or pharmacy director for approval.

Length of approval: 12 months

What action do I need to take?

Effective October 3, 2016, you'll need to obtain a PA for members receiving more than the maximum daily dose of stimulants or other ADHD agents listed above. To facilitate continuity of care, members currently established on a stimulant or other ADHD agents prior to October 3, 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.