

## Pharmacy Dose Optimization program

**Summary:** Effective September 7, 2015, Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. is implementing our Dose Optimization or Consolidation program on some brand-name and generic drugs. This program is designed to increase patient adherence with drug therapy.

✦ **What this means to you:** The goal is to replace multiple doses of lower strength medications, where clinically appropriate, with a single dose of a higher-strength medication. Pharmacy claims exceeding the units per day limit will be denied.

### What is the impact of this change?

Dose optimization quantity limits			
Brand name	Generic name	Strengths	Number of units per day
Abilify	Aripiprazole	2mg	2
Abilify	Aripiprazole	5mg	1.5
Abilify	Aripiprazole	10mg, 15mg	1
Adderal XR	Amphetamine/Detroamphetamine	5mg, 10mg, 15mg	1
Concerta	Methylphenidate	18mg, 27mg	1
Effexor XR	Venlafaxine HCl	37.5mg, 75mg	1
Focalin XR	Dexmethylphenidate HCl	5mg, 10mg, 15mg	1
Intuniv	Guanfacine HCl	1mg, 2mg	1
Invega	Paliperidone	1.5mg, 3 mg	1
Latuda	Lurasidone	20mg, 40mg, 60mg	1
Metadate CD	Methylphenidate	10mg, 20mg, 30mg	1
Paxil CR	Paroxetine HCl	12.5mg	1
Pristiq	Desvenlafaxine Succinate	50mg	1
Remeron Rapid Dissolve	Mirtazapine	15mg	1
Ritalin LA	Methylphenidate	10mg, 20mg	1
Seroquel XR	Quetiapine Fumarate	50mg	2
Seroquel XR	Quetiapine Fumarate	150mg, 200mg	1
Vilbryd	Vilazodone	10mg, 20mg	1
Vyvanse	Lisdexamfetamine	10mg, 20mg, 30mg	1
Zyprexa	Olanzapine	2.5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg	1

# Provider Update

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## **What action do I need to take?**

Please review these changes and work with your Amerigroup members to transition them to the optimized dose. If you determine preferred dosing alternatives are not clinically appropriate for specific patients, you will need to obtain prior authorization to continue coverage beyond the applicable effective date.

## **What if I need assistance?**

We recognize the unique aspects of members' cases. If for medical reasons your Amerigroup member cannot be converted to a different strength, call our Pharmacy 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.



# You Are Invited!

## Dose optimization /consolidation webinars

You are invited to attend the Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. dose optimization/consolidation webinar. The purpose of this webinar is to share our new Dose Optimization / Consolidation Program which is being driven by the July 1 passage of House Bill 2149.

**Registration is required.** To register, please visit our website at <https://amerigroup.webex.com> and select Event Center to choose the event you would like to attend. The password to complete the registration is Kansas1. If you have received an electronic version of this invitation, you may also register by clicking on the event registration link on this invitation located below the scheduled date you want to attend.

**If multiple people in one office choose to attend in one central location, only the person whose computer will be used for viewing needs to register.** You will not get an immediate confirmation when you register. You will receive a reminder 24 hours before and then again one hour prior to the session starting. A link to the session's webinar as well as the dial-in information will be included in the reminders.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please email [ks1provrel@amerigroup.com](mailto:ks1provrel@amerigroup.com) and include "Dose Optimization" in the subject line.

**We also encourage you to visit our provider website at [providers.amerigroup.com/ks](http://providers.amerigroup.com/ks) to access the provider manual and other important resources beneficial to you.**

Event name	Scheduled date and time
Amerigroup dose optimization / consolidation <b>Psychiatrists</b>	<u>August 18, 2015</u> 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Amerigroup dose optimization / consolidation <b>Psychiatrists (CMHC Affiliated)</b>	<u>August 20, 2015</u> 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Amerigroup dose optimization / consolidation <b>All Other Specialties</b>	<u>August 25, 2015</u> 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Amerigroup dose optimization / consolidation <b>Open Session</b>	<u>August 27, 2015</u> 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. <a href="#">Click here to register</a>

