

Prior Authorization Guidelines
ADHD Medications for Use in Children Under 6 Years Old
Effective Date: July 1, 2016

FDA Approved Indication:

Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Guidelines for Approval:

1. The requesting clinician has documented that the child has a diagnosis of ADHD
2. Psychosocial issues and non-medical interventions are being addressed by the clinical team.
3. Documentation of psychosocial evaluation occurring before request for ADHD medications.
4. Documentation of non-medication alternatives that have been attempted before request for ADHD medications.

Coverage is Not Authorized for:

1. Indications other than ADHD.
2. Doses greater than FDA recommended maximum daily dosage. For doses greater than the FDA recommended dosage, Provider can submit a prior authorization with the clinical justification for the dose exceeding the FDA maximum.

References:

1. Manufacturer Product Information
2. Pliska SR, Greenhill LL, Crismon ML, et al. The Texas children's medication algorithm project: report of the Texas census conference panel on medication treatment of childhood deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Part 1. *J Am Academy Child Adolescent Psychology*. 200;39(7):920-927