

Psychotropic Medication Prior Authorizations For Children

Coordinated Care requires prior authorization for psychotropic medications being prescribed to patients < 18 years old. The provider will be required to obtain a second opinion from a child psychiatrist. Below are the coverage, dosing limit and drug classes that require a second opinion.

Antipsychotic Dosing Limits by Client Age

Drug	Dosing Limitations		
	Age 3 – 5 Years ^a	Age 6- 12 Years	Age 13 – 17 Years
Aripiprazole (Abilify®)	0	20mg per day	30mg per day
Asenapine (Saphris®) ^c	0	0	0
Clozapine (Clozaril®, Fazaclo®)	0	600mg per day	900mg per day
Haloperidol (Haldol®)	0	10mg per day	15mg per day
lloperidone (Fanapt®) ^c	0	0	0
Lurasidone (Latuda®) ^c	0	0	0
Olanzapine (Zyprexa)	2.5mg per day	10mg per day	20mg per day
Paliperidone (Invega®) ^c	0	0	0
Perphenazine (Trilafon®)	0	12mg per day	24mg per day
Quetiapine (Seroquel®)	00	300mg per day	600mg per day
Risperidone (Risperdal®)	2mg per day	4mg per day	8mg per day
Ziprasidone (Geodon®)	0	80mg per day	160mg per day

^a Zero indicates the need for an approved second opinion.

^b Prescriptions exceeding dosing limitations for age require approved second opinion.

^c No limits have been established at this time.

Age Limits on Sedative Hypnotics

Drug	Limitations
Ambien® / CR (<i>zolpidem tartrate</i>)	18 years of age or older
Estazolam	18 years of age or older
Flurazepam	18 years of age or older
Lunesta® (<i>eszopiclone</i>)	18 years of age or older
Rozerem® (<i>ramelteon</i>)	18 years of age or older
Doral® (<i>quazepam</i>)	18 years of age or older
Sonata® (<i>zaleplon</i>)	18 years of age or older
Temazepam	18 years of age or older
Triazolam	18 years of age or older

Age and Dose Limitations on ADHD Drugs

Drug	Dosing Limitations	Age Limitations *
Metadate ER®, Methylin®, Methylin ER®, methylphenidate, methylphenidate SR, Ritalin®, Ritalin SR®	120mg per day	5 years of age and older

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Concerta [®] (<i>methylphenidate ER</i>)	120mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older
Ritalin LA [®] (<i>methylphenidate ER</i>)	120mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older
Metadate CD [®] (<i>methylphenidate ER</i>)	120mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older
Daytrana (<i>methylphenidate</i> [®])	30mg per day	5 years of age and older
Dexedrine [®] , Dextrostat [®] , dextroamphetamine	60mg per day	5 years of age and older
Adderall [®] , amphetamine salt combo, Dexedrine spansule [®] (<i>dextroamphetamine ER</i>)	60mg per day	5 years of age and older
Adderall XR [®] (<i>amphetamine salt combo ER</i>)	60mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older
Vyvanse (<i>lisdexamphetamine</i>)	70mg per day	5 years of age and older
Focalin [®] (<i>dexmethylphenidate</i>)	60mg per day	5 years of age and older
Focalin XR [®] (<i>dexmethylphenidate ER</i>)	60mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older
Strattera [®] (<i>atomoxetine HCl</i>)	120mg per day as a single daily dose	5 years of age and older

* Children younger than five years of age require prior authorization.

Age Dose Limitations for Alpha Agonists to Treat ADHD

Drug	Dosing Limitations ^b			
	Age < 3 Years ^a	Age 3 – 5 Years	Age 6 – 8 Years	Age 9 – 18 Years
Clonidine	0	0.1mg per day	0.2mg per day	0.4mg per day
Guanfacine	0	1mg per day	2mg per day	4mg per day

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Alzheimer's Medications Not Covered for Ages Under 18

Donepezil
Galantamine
Memantine
Rivastigmine