



AETNA BETTER HEALTH®  
Coverage Policy/Guideline

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Effective Date: 4/1/2024 Last Review Date: 3/2024

Applies to:  Illinois  Florida  Florida Kids  
 New Jersey  Maryland  Michigan  
 Pennsylvania Kids  Virginia

### Intent:

The intent of this policy/guideline is to provide information to the prescribing practitioner outlining the coverage criteria for methylphenidate products under the patient's prescription drug benefit.

### Description:

#### **Adhansia XR, Aptensio XR, Jornay PM**

These products are indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in patients 6 years and older.

#### **Concerta, Methylphenidate Osmotic ER**

These products are indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children 6 years of age and older, adolescents, and adults up to the age of 65.

#### **Cotempla XR-ODT**

Cotempla XR-ODT is indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in pediatric patients 6 to 17 years of age.

#### **Daytrana, Focalin, Focalin XR, Methylphenidate CD, QuilliChew ER, Quillivant XR**

These products are indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

#### **Methylphenidate Chewable Tablets**

Attention Deficit Disorders

Narcolepsy

#### **Methylphenidate, Methylphenidate Extended Release, Methylin Oral Solution, Ritalin, Ritalin SR**

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in adults and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older.

Narcolepsy

#### **Relexxii**

Relexxii is indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in adults (up to the age of 65 years) and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older.

#### **Ritalin LA**



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Ritalin LA is indicated for the treatment of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in pediatric patients 6 to 12 years of age.

### Compendial Uses

Narcolepsy  
Cancer-related fatigue

### **Applicable Drug List:**

Reference Formulary for specific drugs

### **Policy/Guideline:**

#### **Documentation for Initial Requests for all indications:**

For non-preferred medication requests, the patient is unable to take two (2) formulary alternatives for the given diagnosis due to a trial and inadequate treatment response or intolerance, or a contraindication. Documentation is required for approval.

### **CRITERIA**

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) **AND**
  - The diagnosis has been appropriately documented (e.g., evaluated by a complete clinical assessment, using DSM-5, standardized rating scales, interviews/questionnaires) **AND**
    - The patient is 6 years of age or older  
**OR**
    - The patient is 5 years of age or younger  
**AND**
      - The patient continues to have ADHD/ADD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder) symptoms despite participating in evidence-based behavioral therapy (e.g., parent training in behavior management (PTBM), behavioral classroom interventions)
- OR**
  - The request is for continuation of therapy  
**AND**
  - The patient has achieved or maintained improvement in their signs and symptoms of ADHD/ADD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder) from baseline



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**AND**

- The patient's need for continued therapy has been assessed within the previous year

**OR**

- The patient has a diagnosis of narcolepsy

**AND**

- The requested drug is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a sleep specialist

**AND**

- The diagnosis has been confirmed by a sleep study

**OR**

- The request is for continuation of therapy

**AND**

- The patient has achieved or maintained improvement in daytime sleepiness with narcolepsy from baseline

**OR**

- The requested drug is being prescribed for the treatment of cancer-related fatigue after other causes of fatigue have been ruled out

**AND**

- The request is for initial therapy

**OR**

- The request is for continuation of therapy

**AND**

- The patient has achieved or maintained improvement in cancer-related fatigue from baseline

**AND**

- The patient's need for continued therapy has been assessed within the previous year

**Approval Duration and Quantity Restrictions:**

**Approval:**

Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD):  
Approve 12 months

Narcolepsy: Approve 12 months

Cancer-related fatigue: Approve 12 months



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**Quantity Level Limit:** Reference formulary for drug specific quantity level limits

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