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RE: Preferred Drug List (PDL) updates for ADD/ADHD medications

Prescribers and pharmacists,

**Due to continued drug shortages for certain ADHD medications, both brand and generic formulations for Adderall XR<sup>®</sup>, Concerta<sup>®</sup>, Focalin XR<sup>®</sup>, and Focalin IR<sup>®</sup> will continue to be preferred options on the Arkansas Medicaid preferred drug list until further notice. The current preferred products on the PDL are listed below.**

#### **ADD/ADHD MEDICATIONS**

##### **Preferred agents WITH criteria**

- Adderall<sup>®</sup> XR capsule (amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt ER)
- Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt ER capsule (generic for Adderall<sup>®</sup> XR)
- Amphetamine/dextroamphetamine salt tablet (generic for Adderall<sup>®</sup> IR)
- Atomoxetine capsule (generic for Strattera<sup>®</sup>)
- Clonidine IR tablet (generic for Catapres<sup>®</sup>)
- Clonidine ER tablet (generic for Kapvay<sup>®</sup> ER)
- Concerta<sup>®</sup> tablet (methylphenidate ER)
- Daytrana<sup>®</sup> patch (methylphenidate) **(BRAND ONLY)**
- Dexmethylphenidate ER capsule (generic for Focalin<sup>®</sup> XR)
- Dexmethylphenidate IR tablet (generic for Focalin<sup>®</sup>)
- Dextroamphetamine 5 mg and 10 mg tablet (generic for Zenzedi<sup>®</sup>)
- Focalin<sup>®</sup> tablet (dexmethylphenidate)
- Focalin<sup>®</sup> XR capsule (dexmethylphenidate ER)
- Guanfacine IR tablet (generic for Tenex<sup>®</sup>)
- Guanfacine ER tablet (generic for Intuniv<sup>®</sup> ER)
- Methylphenidate tablet (generic for Methylin<sup>®</sup>, Ritalin<sup>®</sup> IR)
- Methylphenidate ER tablet (generic for Concerta<sup>®</sup>)
- Vyvanse<sup>®</sup> CHEW tablet (lisdexamfetamine) **(BRAND ONLY)**
- Vyvanse<sup>®</sup> capsule (lisdexamfetamine) **(BRAND ONLY)**

For any questions, contact the Magellan Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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