

Clinical Policy: Methylphenidate (XR and transdermal) (Jornay PM, Daytrana)

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Description

Methylphenidate extended-release (Jornay PMTM) and methylphenidate transdermal system (Daytrana[®]), are central nervous system stimulants.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Extended-release methylphenidate products are indicated for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that Jornay PM is medically **necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ADHD;
2. Age ≥ 6 years;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Request is for Jornay and failure of an adequate trial of at least two preferred* ADHD agents at maximum indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effect are experienced or all are contraindicated in the past 18 months.
 - b. Request is for Daytrana and documentation supports inability to use dosage forms available on the formulary (e.g., inability to swallow tablets or capsules), or clinically significant adverse effect are experienced with preferred agents;
4. Dose does not exceed the following:
 - a. Jornay PM: 100 mg per day
 - b. Daytrana (both i and ii):
 - i. 30 mg per day;
 - ii. 1 patch per day;

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the PDL, refer to the no coverage criteria policy: CP.PMN.255; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the PDL, refer to the non-formulary policy: CP.PMN.16; or

2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy: CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (must meet all):

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed the following:
 - a. Jornay PM: 100 mg per day
 - b. Dyanavel XR (both i and ii):
 - i. 20 mg per day;
 - ii. 1 tablet per day;

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 and 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

C. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

1. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the Off-Label Use Policy CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

III. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ADHD: attention-deficit and hyperactivity disorder

CNS: central nervous system

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
methylphenidate extended release (Ritalin LA [®] , Concerta [®] , Metadate CD [®])	Concerta: 18 – 36 mg PO QD Ritalin LA, Metadate CD: 20 mg PO QD	Concerta: 72 mg/day Ritalin LA, Metadate CD: 60 mg/day
amphetamine (Adderall XR [®])	Patients 6-17 years: 10 mg PO QD Adults: 20 mg PO QD	30 mg/day
dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine SR [®])	5 mg PO QD/BID	60 mg/day
Vyvanse [®] (lisdexamfetamine)	30 mg PO QAM	70 mg/day

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C. Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Hypersensitivity to methylphenidate or any component of formulary; use with monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor, or within 14 days of last MAO inhibitor dose
- Boxed warning(s): abuse and dependence

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Methylphenidate ER (Jornay PM)	Starting dose 20 mg PO QHS, dose may be increased weekly in increments of 20 mg/day	100 mg/day
Methylphenidate Transdermal System (Daytrana)	10 mg applied to the hip area (using alternating sites) 2 hours before an effect is needed and should be removed 9 hours after application	30 mg/9-hour patch per day

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability
Methylphenidate ER (Jornay PM)	Extended-release capsules: 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg
Methylphenidate Transdermal System (Daytrana)	Transdermal patch: 10 mg/9 hours, 15 mg/9 hours, 20 mg/9 hours, and 30 mg/9 hours

VII. References

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