



Prior Authorization – Combination Stimulant Treatment

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Medication Class: Stimulants

Prior Authorization Requirement: Combination of two long-acting stimulants with the same active ingredient (e.g. Concerta + Metadate CD) or combination of two different types of stimulant medications (e.g. Concerta + Adderall)

Resource – AzDBHS Technical Assistance Document (TAD) 9 - Polypharmacy Use: Assessment of Appropriateness and Importance of Documentation
www.azdhs.gov/bhs/guidance/poly.pdf

I. Guidelines for approval:

1. Consumer has a diagnosis of ADHD
2. Optimization of formulary medications have been attempted and documented
3. Adherence has not been a factor in non-response to current medication regimen
4. The clinician has ruled out that a non-response is due to an unrecognized or under-treated co-morbid disorder.

References:

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