Reference number(s)
4683-A

Initial Prior Authorization
Azstarys

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Dosage Form
Azstarys	serdexmethylphenidate/ dexmethylphenidate	all products

Indications

FDA-approved Indications

Azstarys is indicated for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in patients 6 years of age and older.

Coverage Criteria

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- The diagnosis has been appropriately documented (e.g., evaluated by a complete clinical assessment, using DSM-5, standardized rating scales, interviews/questionnaires).
- The patient meets ONE of the following:

- The patient has experienced an inadequate treatment response to a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate).
- The patient has experienced an intolerance to a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate).
- The patient has a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate).

Continuation of Therapy

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)

Authorization may be granted when the patient has a diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained improvement in their signs and symptoms of ADHD/ADD from baseline.
- The patient's need for continued therapy has been assessed within the previous year.

Duration of Approval (DOA)

- 4683-A: DOA: 12 months

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CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

1	Does the patient have a diagnosis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)? [If Yes, then go to 2. If No, then no further questions.]	Yes	No
2	Is this request for continuation of therapy? [If Yes, then go to 3. If No, then go to 5.]	Yes	No
3	Has the patient achieved or maintained improvement in their signs and symptoms of ADHD/ADD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder) from baseline? [If Yes, then go to 4. If No, then no further questions.]	Yes	No
4	Has the patient's need for continued therapy been assessed within the previous year? [No further questions]	Yes	No
5	Has the diagnosis been appropriately documented (e.g., evaluated by a complete clinical assessment, using DSM-5, standardized rating scales, interviews/questionnaires)? [If Yes, then go to 6. If No, then no further questions.]	Yes	No
6	Has the patient experienced an inadequate treatment response to a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine,	Yes	No

	dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate)? [If Yes, then no further questions. If No, then go to 7.]		
7	Has the patient experienced an intolerance to a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate)? [If Yes, then no further questions. If No, then go to 8.]	Yes	No
8	Does the patient have a contraindication that would prohibit a trial of a generic amphetamine product (e.g., amphetamine, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methamphetamine) OR a generic methylphenidate product (e.g., methylphenidate or dexmethylphenidate)? [No further questions]	Yes	No

Mapping Instructions			
	Yes	**No**	**DENIAL REASONS**
1.	Go to 2	Deny	Your plan only covers this drug when it is used for certain health conditions. Covered uses are Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Your plan does not cover this drug for your health condition that your doctor told us you have. We reviewed the information we had. Your request has been denied. Your doctor can send us any new or missing information for us to review. For this drug, you may have to meet other criteria. You can request the drug policy for more details. You can also request other plan documents for your review. [Short Description: Diagnosis]
2.	Go to 3	Go to 5	
3.	Go to 4	Deny	Your plan only covers this drug if it works well for you. We have denied your request because the drug did not work well for you. We reviewed the information we had. Your request has been denied. Your doctor can send us any new or missing information for us to review. For this drug, you may have to meet other criteria.

			You can request the drug policy for more details. You can also request other plan documents for your review. [Short Description: Continuation - Efficacy]
4.	Approve, 12 Months	Deny	Your plan only covers this drug when your doctor has reviewed your therapy within the last year and you still have a need for it. We reviewed the information we had. Your request has been denied. Your doctor can send us any new or missing information for us to review. For this drug, you may have to meet other criteria. You can request the drug policy for more details. You can also request other plan documents for your review. [Short Description: Continuation - Reassessment]
5.	Go to 6	Deny	Your plan only covers this drug when you have an assessment that shows you have Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). We reviewed the information we had. Your request has been denied. Your doctor can send us any new or missing information for us to review. For this drug, you may have to meet other criteria. You can request the drug policy for more details. You can also request other plan documents for your review. [Short Description: Positive assessment]
6.	Approve, 12 Months	Go to 7	
7.	Approve, 12 Months	Go to 8	
8.	Approve, 12 Months	Deny	Your plan only covers this drug if you have tried other drugs and they did not work well for you. We have denied your request because: A) You have not tried a generic amphetamine product or a generic methylphenidate product, and B) You do not have a medical reason not to take them. We reviewed the information we had. Your request has been denied. Your doctor can send us any new or missing information for us to review. For this drug, you may

			have to meet other criteria. You can request the drug policy for more details. You can also request other plan documents for your review. [Short Description: Step Therapy]