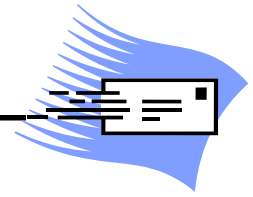




ManateeChoice Health Plan

Fast Facts



FAST FACTS is published by the Manatee Health Network (MHN) to provide Members with the opportunity to better understand medical conditions, various treatment options, and the impact of these options on member costs. **FAST FACTS** should be used in addition to the advice of your physicians, pharmacists, & other healthcare professionals.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ADHD Treatments Potential Substance Abuse and Controlling your Medication Cost!

Available Treatments

The most commonly prescribed medications to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children and adults are stimulant drugs, such as Ritalin and Adderall, and the non-stimulant medication Strattera (atomoxetine).

Two general types of stimulant products are methylphenidate products and amphetamine-based products.

1. Methylphenidate products include Ritalin, Concerta, Metadate ER and Focalin.
2. Amphetamine-based products include: Adderall and Adderall XR (Dextroamphetamine-amphetamine), Dexedrine and Dexedrine SR (dextroamphetamine), and Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine).

The non-stimulant medication Strattera (atomoxetine) is generally given to children with ADHD when stimulant medications don't help.

ADHD and Age

While ADHD is typically found in children, some adults may also experience ADHD. Currently, only 4 medications are currently approved by the FDA for the treatment of adult ADHD. These are Adderall XR, Concerta, Vyvanse, and Focalin XR.

Manatee has some age restrictions regarding ADHD treatments:

- Concerta and Ritalin are covered for children ages 6-18.
- Adderall, Adderall XR and Dexedrine have age limits for children ages 3-18.

Anyone outside of these age ranges being prescribed these specific drugs will have to meet certain criteria and obtain prior authorization from their physician.

Did You Know?

All of the stimulant products listed above are considered Schedule II controlled substances because of their potential for abuse when not taken appropriately. For this reason, there are special rules for these prescriptions. Schedule II substances must be written in "hard copy" form, so they cannot be phoned or faxed to a pharmacy. Also, since prescriptions cannot have any refills, you must get a new prescription from your doctor each month.

Ways to Save

- Generic medications are **\$0 copay** for Manatee members at MHN Preferred Network Pharmacies! Members also save on brand name prescription drugs when they fill them at MHN Preferred Network Pharmacies. The MHN Preferred Network includes all Sweetbay Pharmacies throughout Florida, as well as Foster Drugs and Pelots Pharmacy.
- If you and your doctor decide that one of these generic prescription medications is right for you, you can save \$30 or more each month, totaling **\$360 or more per year in savings!**
- Check out the following chart to see your potential savings:

	MHN Preferred Pharmacy (Costs per Month)	Non-Preferred Pharmacy (Costs per Month)
Cost of Brand Concerta	20% of the drug cost (Approximately \$30)	25% of the drug cost (Approximately \$38)
Cost of Brand Strattera, Vyvanse, Focalin and Metadate CD	40% of the drug cost (Approximately \$50)	50% of the drug cost (Approximately \$65)
Cost of Generic Ritalin, Ritalin SR , Adderall, Adderall XR, Dexedrine, Metadate ER	\$0 No cost to member	\$5
If you use Concerta instead of a generic stimulant medication, it will cost you an extra...	\$360 (\$30 x 12 months) <u>-\$0 (\$0 x 12 months)</u> =\$360 per year	\$456 (\$38 x 12 months) <u>-\$60 (\$5 x 12 months)</u> =\$396 per year
If you use Strattera, Vyvanse, Focalin or Metadate instead of a generic stimulant medication, it will cost you an extra...	\$600 (\$50 x 12 months) <u>-\$0 (\$0 x 12 months)</u> =\$600 per year	\$780 (62 x 12 months) <u>-\$60 (\$0 x 12 months)</u> =\$720 per year

Concerta **➔** **Ritalin SR** **←** **Metadate CD**

All three of these medications contain the same active ingredient,
but only Ritalin SR is currently available as a generic product.

Only your doctor can decide which medication is right for you. If you and your doctor decide to try a different medication, your doctor just needs to write (or call-in) a prescription for one of these products.

Manatee Health Disclaimer

The information in this newsletter is not a substitute for medical advice. It is for reference only and should not be used to determine treatment for your specific medical conditions-only a health care provider can do this. You should seek prompt medical care for any specific health issues and consult you physician regarding the use of over-the-counter products to treat any medical condition or consult your physician regarding the use of prescription or over-the-counter products to treat any medical condition or before starting any new diet, fitness, or supplement regimen.

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