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**Policy Title** Lisdexamfetamine Dimesylate (Vyvanse®)

**Policy Number** FS.CLIN.35

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**Policy** Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) is indicated for the treatment of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The use of lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) requires prior authorization (ie, clinical pharmacy and/or Medical Director review).

**Policy Description** Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) is a pro-drug of dextroamphetamine. Following oral absorption, lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) is rapidly absorbed and converted into dextroamphetamine, which is responsible for the drug's activity. The exact mode of therapeutic action in attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is unknown. Dextroamphetamine is thought to block the reuptake of norepinephrine and dopamine into the presynaptic neuron and increase the release of these monoamines into the extraneuronal space. Dextroamphetamine may also stimulate inhibitory receptors in the brain, which may contribute to its efficacy in ADHD. At this time there are no studies showing Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) to have superior efficacy to other medications used to treat ADHD.

**Policy Guideline Inclusion** Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) is approved when there is documentation of a diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and when **one** of the following inclusion criteria is met:

- Documentation of a trial and failure or contraindication/intolerance/allergy to any two of the following medications:
  - A methylphenidate containing product
  - A mixed amphetamine salts containing product (eg, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine [Adderall or Adderall XR])
  - Atomoxetine hydrochloride (Strattera®)

- A dextroamphetamine containing product
- Methamphetamine hydrochloride (Desoxyn®)
- A dexmethylphenidate containing product
- Documentation of a history of or a potential for drug abuse among the individual or a member of the individual's household

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#### Policy Guideline Exclusion

Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse®) is denied when **either** of the following exclusion criteria is present:

- No documentation of a diagnosis of ADHD and no documentation of a trial and failure or contraindication/intolerance/allergy to any two of the following medications:
  - A methylphenidate containing product
  - A mixed amphetamine salts containing product (eg, amphetamine-dextroamphetamine [Adderall or Adderall XR])
  - Atomoxetine hydrochloride (Strattera®)
  - A dextroamphetamine containing product
  - Methamphetamine hydrochloride (Desoxyn®)
  - A dexmethylphenidate containing product
- No documentation of a diagnosis of ADHD and no documentation of a history of or a potential for drug abuse among the individual or a member of the individual's household

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#### Policy List of Applicable Drugs

Brand Name	Generic Name
Vyvanse	Lisdexamfetamine Dimesylate

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#### Dosing and Administration

Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details, contraindications, and Black Box warnings.

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