



# Pharmacy Update

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## Atypical Antipsychotics Step Therapy

Step therapy requirements take effect April 1, 2010. Requests for authorization should be submitted on OHCA Form Pharm-04.

- Step therapy requirements will not apply to members currently utilizing Tier-2 or Tier-3 medications. The requirements apply to new starts only.
- Tier-1 medications are available without prior authorization.
- There is no co-pay for risperidone for the member at the pharmacy.

## Tier-2 Authorization Criteria

- A trial of risperidone, at least 14 days in duration, titrated to recommended dose, that did not yield adequate response or resulted in intolerable adverse effects

## Tier-3 Authorization Criteria

- Tier-2 criteria, and
- Trials of both Tier-2 medications, each of which are at least 14 days in duration, titrated to recommended dose, that does not yield adequate response or results in intolerable adverse effects

## Other Authorization Criteria

- Authorization of Abilify® or Seroquel® for a diagnosis of depression requires concurrent use of an antidepressant, and previous trials with at least two other antidepressants.

Tier-1	Tier-2	Tier-3
risperidone ( <b>Risperdal</b> ®)	aripiprazole ( <b>Abilify</b> ®)	olanzapine ( <b>Zyprexa</b> ®)
clozapine ( <b>Clozaril</b> ®)	iloperidone ( <b>Fanapt</b> ™)	quetiapine ( <b>Seroquel</b> ®)
		quetiapine ER ( <b>Seroquel XR</b> ®)
		ziprasidone ( <b>Geodon</b> ®)
		paliperidone ( <b>Invega</b> ®)
		asenapine ( <b>Saphris</b> ®)
		clozapine ( <b>Fazaclo</b> ®)
		olanzapine/fluoxetine ( <b>Symbyax</b> ®)

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