

ABILIFY® DOSING AND TABLET SPLITTING

Provider Summary Sheet

In a recent meeting the Division of Medicaid (DOM) Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee made a recommendation that tablet splitting be required in order to keep Abilify® the preferred drug for this class and to continue providing coverage for all needed and medically acceptable doses while reducing costs for Medicaid. Effective February 22, 2013, the Division of Medicaid (DOM) requires tablet splitting for prescriptions of Abilify® at doses that can be achieved by splitting a higher strength tablet. Abilify® prescriptions will be electronically processed and will automatically receive prior authorization (PA) approval if they adhere to the following guidelines. Although labeling indicates QD dosing, DOM recognizes that special situations will occur requiring BID dosing or where patients are unable to split tablets. These prescriptions will require PAs be submitted by fax or Web Portal.

Division of Medicaid Criteria for Abilify®

- Any doses of Abilify® that can be achieved by splitting a higher strength tablet must be dispensed with dosing instructions for tablet splitting.
- To facilitate tablet splitting, DOM will cover one tablet splitter per year for beneficiaries living at home and taking doses requiring tablet splitting.
- Pharmacies please note that at least one claim for a tablet splitting dose must be processed before the claim for a tablet splitter is submitted
- Tablet splitters are reimbursed as an OTC and do not count toward the service limit of 5 prescriptions/month.

This table provides guidance on how to write Abilify® prescriptions with tablet splitting:

- 1 Determine daily dose needed,
- 2 Determine daily dosing schedule desired,
- 3 Write prescription for strength, dosing schedule and number of tabs indicated

Example 30 day prescription			
		2 → Daily dosing schedule desired	
		QD DOSING	BID DOSING
Daily dose needed <i>(bold doses are commercially available)</i>	2 mg →	2 mg QD - qty 30	2 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30
	2.5 mg →	5 mg 1/2 QD - 15 tabs	NA
	4 mg →	2 mg 2 QD - qty 60	2 mg BID - qty 60
	5 mg →	10 mg 1/2 QD - 15 tabs	5 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30
	7.5 mg →	15 mg 1/2 QD - 15 tabs	NA
	10 mg →	20 mg 1/2 QD - 15 tabs	10 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30
	15 mg →	30 mg 1/2 QD - 15 tabs	15 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30
	20 mg →	20 mg QD - qty 30	20 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30
	30 mg →	30 mg QD - qty 30	30 mg 1/2 BID - qty 30

 Electronic PA approval

 Manual PA required (fax or Web Portal)

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