



## Dear Valued Member:

As the pharmacy benefit manager for State of Ohio DAS Active Employees, Catalyst Rx is contacting you regarding an important change to your pharmacy benefit program that may affect you.

Effective October 1, 2012, your plan will be implementing a new Prior Authorization requirement for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medications for adults 23 years of age and older. After October 1, 2012, members who are 23 years of age and older, who wish to fill a prescription that requires a Prior Authorization, must have their prescription preapproved in order for the medication to be covered by the plan. Details on how the Prior Authorization program works are outlined below.

## What is Prior Authorization?

Prior Authorizations promote the safe and effective use of select prescription drugs and may help you and your health plan save money. They help ensure that the medications you are being prescribed are taken in a clinically appropriate, safe and cost-effective way, which helps reduce medication waste and improper prescribing.

## What if My Medication is Subject to a Prior Authorization?

If you are currently receiving a medication that requires a Prior Authorization, then you, your pharmacist or your prescriber can initiate a request for a Prior Authorization by calling Catalyst Rx at 1-866-854-8850. Catalyst Rx will contact your prescriber and request the information necessary to assess if the medication will be covered.

Prior Authorization for ADHD Medications  For individuals 23 years of age and older		
Targeted Medications Requiring Approval	Recommended Alternatives	Criteria to Obtain Targeted Medications
Amphetamines (e.g., Adderall, Adderall XR, Vyvanse and others)	Consult your health care provider	Have prescriber contact Catalyst Rx at 1-866-854-8850
Stimulants (e.g., methylphenidate, Concerta, Ritalin and others)		

<sup>\*</sup> This is only a partial list of new drugs added. Additional medications may be subject to a Prior Authorization.

For a list of preferred generic and brand alternatives, please refer to your preferred drug list or visit us at www.catalystrx.com.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your prescription coverage, please call the Catalyst Rx Member Services Department at 1-866-854-8850. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you.

Sincerely,

Catalyst Rx