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New restrictions on antipsychotic therapy for members under 18

On March 1, 2017, per [Iowa Department of Human Services Informational Letter No. 1757-MC-FFS](#), the following restrictions became effective for our members under the age of 18 who are on antipsychotic therapy:

- Age edit on risperidone for members less than five years of age.
- Age edit on all other antipsychotics for members less than six years of age.
- Duplicate therapy edit on all antipsychotics for members zero through 17 years of age. A 30-day grace period will be allowed to allow transition between antipsychotic medications.
- Quantity limits:

Drug Product:	Quantity:	Days Supply:
Olanzapine 15mg	30	30
Olanzapine 20mg	30	30
Risperidone 1mg	60	30
Risperidone 2mg	60	30

As a result of these edits, providers will be required to submit prior authorization for continued coverage of the antipsychotic medications for our impacted members. If you need to submit a prior authorization, please use the prior authorization form titled "[Duplicate Therapy Edit Override](#)."

Get help

If you have additional questions about these restrictions, please contact Pharmacy Services at **1-855-328-1612**. You can also contact your [Provider Network Account Executive](#) or Provider Services at **1-844-411-0579**.

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