Non-formulary methylphenidate ER (Ritalin LA and generics) will be covered on the prescription drug benefit when the following criteria are met:

- Patient is under 21 years of age -AND-
  Diagnosis of ADHD or ADD
  -OR-
- Patient is under Hospice care
  -OR-
- Diagnosis of ADHD or ADD -AND-

1) For patients NOT currently taking methylphenidate ER (Ritalin LA and generics):
   2) Adequate trial** (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Metadate CD) (must have at least partial response), unless allergy to an inactive ingredient
   3) Adequate trial** (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Concerta) (must have at least partial response), unless allergy to an inactive ingredient or unable to swallow whole tablets

4) For patients currently taking methylphenidate ER (Ritalin LA and generics):
   5) Adequate trial** (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Metadate CD) (must have at least partial response), unless allergy to an inactive ingredient
   6) Adequate trial** (7 days) of methylphenidate ER (Concerta) (must have at least partial response), unless allergy to an inactive ingredient or unable to swallow whole tablets
   -OR-
- Dose change only: patient meets current criteria and is already taking the drug

** Adequate trial of a long acting agent is further defined as wearing off that is not resolved by increasing the dose AND adding a short-acting agent OR increasing frequency to twice daily OR clinically significant side effects related to the dosage form that cannot be resolved by adjusting the dose or timing.