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****Important Changes to Coverage for Concerta® and Actavis (Labeler 00591) Authorized Generic****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Effective 4/27/18, brand name CONCERTA® (methylphenidate HCl) extended-release tablets will be moving to a preferred status on the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Preferred Drug List (PDL). With the 12/31/17 expiration of the Actavis authorized generic distribution agreement with Janssen, there will be no authorized generic on the market once product in the supply chain has been exhausted. Pharmacies may continue dispensing the authorized generic if they have product in stock. All other generics will remain non-preferred.

Concerta® has a significantly lower net cost to Vermont Medicaid compared to currently available generics. We continually monitor the net costs of these medications and periodically adjust the PDL if new cost-effective products become available. If you feel it is medically necessary for your patient to use a non-preferred product, a prior authorization will be required.

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.

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