

## **ADHS/DBHS Guidelines to the RBHAs and Providers for the Required Prior Authorization Process for Risperidal Consta**



RBHAs shall incorporate a prior authorization process for Risperidal Consta that is consistent with these requirements:

1. The member shall have a diagnosis of schizophrenia or a schizophrenia spectrum disorder.
2. The member shall be at least 18 years old.
3. The member shall be able to tolerate at least 2mg/day of oral risperidone.
4. The member shall have a documented history of poor adherence to oral risperidone and documentation that patient education and other efforts to improve adherence have been tried (e.g. pill boxes).
5. The BHMP shall taper and discontinue oral risperidone within 60 days after Risperidal Consta is initiated.
6. Target symptoms shall be clearly documented and tracked over time in the psychiatric progress notes and assessments.

Prior Authorization may be approved for up to one year, but requires re-authorization annually based on clinical indication and documented benefit.