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Scope: Medicaid

**RISPERIDONE LONG-ACTING INJECTION**  
**(generic Risperdal Consta)**

**POLICY**

**I. INDICATIONS**

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication

**Schizophrenia**

Risperdal Consta is indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia.

**Bipolar Disorder**

Risperdal Consta is indicated as monotherapy or as adjunctive therapy to lithium or valproate for the maintenance treatment of Bipolar I Disorder

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and are not a covered benefit.

**II. CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

An authorization may be granted for 12 months when the following criteria (A) and (B) are met:

- A. Tolerability with oral risperidone has been established
- B. The requested drug is being prescribed for one of the following:
  - 1. Treatment of schizophrenia
  - 2. As monotherapy or as adjunctive therapy to lithium or valproate for the maintenance treatment of bipolar I disorder

**III. REFERENCES**

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