

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**Change in Preferred Drug List Status for Stimulants and Related Agents
Drug Class Effective July 29, 2026**

Due to a potential supply gap, Sandoz is currently allocating brand-name Ritalin LA products resulting in a product backorder. In response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) temporarily removed the non-preferred status from certain generic Ritalin LA products on the preferred drug list (PDL).

HHSC removed the non-preferred status for the following drugs in the table below, effective July 29, 2026.

Stimulants and Related Agents

NDC	Drug Name
00781236101	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 10MG CP
70010001201	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 10MG CP
75907004901	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 10MG CP
00093534601	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 20MG CP
00781236201	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 20MG CP
70010001301	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 20MG CP
75907005001	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 20MG CP
00093534701	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 30MG CP
00781236301	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 30MG CP
51862061101	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 30MG CP
70010001401	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 30MG CP
75907005101	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 30MG CP
00093534801	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 40MG CP
00781236401	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 40MG CP
51862061201	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 40MG CP
70010001501	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 40MG CP
75907005201	METHYLPHENIDATE ER(LA) 40MG CP

These changes allow providers to prescribe certain generic Ritalin LA products without requirement of a PDL prior authorization and continue access to necessary medication for members.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact UnitedHealthcare Customer Service at 888-887-9003, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. CT, Monday–Friday.