



August 13, 2007

Dear Passport Health Plan Practitioner:

Passport Health Plan's (PHP) Behavioral Health Pharmacy & Therapeutics sub-committee (BHP&T), composed of PHP representatives and practicing psychiatrists, is encouraging providers to voluntarily switch members age 12 and up to once daily dosing of Risperdal<sup>®</sup>, when appropriate. Daily dosing of Risperdal<sup>®</sup> is considered to be as safe and efficacious as twice daily dosing, and can greatly improve medication compliance.

**Patient compliance with daily dosing is much greater than with twice daily dosing.** Chart A in the attached document illustrates the additional value that may be realized by converting members to once daily dosing.

For those members who benefit from twice daily dosing, we ask you to consider the use of the tablet splitting alternative. Chart B demonstrates the potential savings from this method. Please note pill splitting may be performed by either the pharmacist or the member. PHP provides reimbursement for a pill splitting device to assist members as needed.

Please contact our Pharmacy department at (800) 578-0898 if you have any questions or comments regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Kaye".

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Passport Health Plan





## COMPARISON OF CURRENT PRICE /PRESCRIPTION FOR RISPERDAL®

**CHART A: DOSE CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM: PATIENTS CURRENTLY ON TWICE DAILY DOSING**

Drug Name	Quantity	Directions	Price per Prescription	Potential Savings per Prescription
Risperdal® 0.25mg	60	1 tab twice daily	\$192.65	
Risperdal® 0.5mg	30	1/2 tab twice daily	\$105.73	<b>\$86.92</b>
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Risperdal® 0.5mg	60	1 tab twice daily	\$211.46	
Risperdal® 1mg	30	1/2 tab twice daily	\$112.34	<b>\$99.12</b>
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Risperdal® 1mg	60	1 tab twice daily	\$224.68	
Risperdal® 2mg	30	1/2 tab twice daily	\$187.82	<b>\$36.85</b>
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Risperdal® 2mg	60	1 tab twice daily	\$375.65	
Risperdal® 4mg	30	1/2 tab twice daily	\$296.35	<b>\$79.30</b>
Risperdal® 4mg	30	1 tab daily	\$296.35	<b>\$79.30</b>

**CHART B: TABLET-SPLITTING PROGRAM: PATIENTS CURRENTLY ON ONCE DAILY DOSING**

Drug Name	Quantity	Directions	Price per Prescription	Potential Savings per Prescription
Risperdal® 0.25mg	30	1 tab daily.	\$96.33	
Risperdal® 0.5mg	15	½ tablet daily	\$52.87	<b>\$43.46</b>
Risperdal® 0.5mg	30	1 tab daily	\$105.73	
Risperdal® 1mg	15	½ tablet daily	\$56.17	<b>\$49.56</b>
Risperdal® 1mg	30	1 tab daily.	\$112.34	
Risperdal® 2mg	15	½ tablet daily	\$93.91	<b>\$18.43</b>
Risperdal® 2mg	30	1 tab daily	\$187.82	
Risperdal® 4mg	15	½ tablet daily	\$148.18	<b>\$39.65</b>