

FDA approves ADHD drug for binge-eating disorder

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Federal health regulators have approved an attention deficit disorder drug for a new use: A first-of-its kind treatment for binge-eating disorder.

The Food and Drug Administration first approved Vyvanse as a once-a-day pill for [attention deficit hyperactivity disorder](#) in 2007. On Friday the agency cleared the drug for adults who compulsively overeat.

Regulators approved the new use based on two studies in which adults with a history of [binge eating](#) had fewer instances per week while taking Vyvanse, compared with those getting a placebo.

Side effects of the drug, made by Shire PLC, can include psychiatric problems like hallucinations and mania as well as heart complications.

Shire PLC is an Irish-headquartered company based on the island of Jersey.

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