



Hot Tip: Asthma

Your Healthy Blue patients may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed non-preferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization Management edits may apply to select preferred products. For additional information, please review our pharmacy coverage on the Healthy Blue website at <https://provider.healthybluene.com>.

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Nonpreferred products ¹
Inhalers – short acting	Albuterol HFA (generic ProAir HFA) Proair HFA (albuterol)	Levalbuterol HFA (generic Xopenex HFA) Xopenex HFA ² (Levalbuterol) Proair digihaler (albuterol) Proair RespiClick (albuterol) Proventil HFA inhaler (albuterol) Ventolin HFA inhaler (albuterol)
Inhalers – long acting	Serevent (salmeterol)	Arcapta neohaler (indacaterol) Striverdi Respimat (olodaterol)

¹ Non-preferred agents will be approved for patients who have failed a trial of **one** preferred agent within this drug class

² Xopenex: covered for cardiac diagnoses or side effect of tachycardia with albuterol product

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Nonpreferred products ¹
Inhalers – Glucocorticoids	Asmanex (mometasone) ^{QL, AL} Flovent HFA (fluticasone) Pulmicort flexhaler (budesonide)	Aerospan (flunisolide) Alvesco (ciclesonide) ^{AL, CL} Armonair digihaler (fluticasone) ^{AL, QL} Armonair respiclick (fluticasone) ^{AL} Arnuity ellipta (fluticasone) Asmanex HFA (mometasone) ^{CL, AL, QL} Flovent diskus (fluticasone) QVAR (beclomethasone) QVAR redihaler (beclomethasone)
Inhalers – Glucocorticoid/Br onchodilator combinations	Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol) ^{QL} Advair HFA (fluticasone/salmeterol) ^{QL} Dulera (mometasone/formoterol) Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)	Airduo digihaler (fluticasone/salmeterol) ^{AL, QL} Breo ellipta (fluticasone/vilanterol) Breztri (budesonide/formoterol/glycopyrrolate) ^{QL} Budesonide/formoterol (generic Symbicort) Fluticasone/salmeterol (generic Advair Diskus) ^{QL} Fluticasone/salmeterol (generic Airduo respiclick)

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		Trelegy ellipta (fluticasone/umeclidinium/vilanterol) Wixela inhub (generic Advair Diskus) ^{QL}
¹ Non-preferred agents within the Glucocorticoids and Glucocorticoid/Bronchodilator combo groups will be approved for patients who have failed a trial of two preferred agents within the drug class within the last six months.		
Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Nonpreferred products ¹
Inhalers – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Agents	Anoro ellipta (umeclidinium/vilanterol) Atrovent HFA (ipratropium) Combivent Respimat (albuterol/ipratropium) Spiriva (tiotropium) Stiolto Respimat (tiotropium/olodaterol)	Bevespi aerosphere (glycopyrrolate/formoterol) Duaklir pressair (aclidinium br and formoterol fum) Incruse elipta (umeclidinium) Seebri neohaler (glycopyrrolate) Spiriva Respimat (tiotropium) Tudorza pressair (aclidinium br) Utibron neohaler (indacaterol/glycopyrrolate)
¹ Non-preferred agents will be approved for patients who have failed a trial of one preferred agent within this drug class or patient specific documentation of inability to use traditional inhaler device		

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