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## Hot Tip: Inhalers

Your Healthy Blue members using non-preferred inhaler products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection if certain requirements are not met. Consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible to help avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy. *Clinical Criteria* may need to be met for certain preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List* on the [provider website](#). The *Preferred Drug List* is subject to change quarterly at the discretion of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Non-preferred inhalers require trial and failure of two preferred inhalers to be approved.

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Inhalers — Long-acting beta--adrenergics	Serevent Diskus	Striverdi Respimat inhalation
Inhalers — rescue (short-acting)	Ventolin HFA inhaler Xopenex HFA inhaler	Albuterol HFA inhaler <i>Generic for ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA</i>  Levalbuterol HFA inhaler <i>Generic for Xopenex HFA</i>  Proair Digihaler Proair RespiClick  Proventil HFA inhaler
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Agents	Anoro Ellipta inhaler Atrovent HFA inhaler Combivent Respimat inhalation spray Incruse Ellipta inhaler Spiriva Handihaler Spiriva Respimat inhalation spray Stiolto Respimat inhalation spray	Bevespi Aerosphere  Duaklir Pressair  Tiotropium inhaler <i>Generic for Spiriva Handihaler</i>  Tudorza Pressair inhaler
Inhalers — corticosteroids	Alvesco inhaler	ArmonAir digihaler

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	Arnuity Ellipta inhaler  Asmanex HFA inhaler Asmanex Twisthaler  Flovent Diskus Flovent HFA inhaler  Fluticasone propionate HFA <i>Generic for Flovent HFA</i>  QVAR Redihaler	Fluticasone propionate diskus <i>Generic for Flovent Diskus</i>  Pulmicort Flexhaler
Inhalers — corticosteroid combination	Advair Diskus  Advair HFA inhaler  Dulera inhaler  Symbicort inhaler	Fluticasone/Salmeterol inhalation <i>Generic for Advair Diskus</i> <i>Generic for Advair HFA</i>  Budesonide/Formoterol inhalation <i>Generic for Symbicort</i>  AirDuo Digihaler/RespiClick Fluticasone/Salmeterol inhalation <i>Generic for AirDuo</i>  Breo Ellipta Fluticasone/Vilanterol inhalation <i>Generic for Breo Ellipta</i>  AirSupra inhaler  Breyna inhaler  Breztri Aerosphere  Trelegy Ellipta  Wixela Inhub

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