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Hot Tip: Inhalers

Your Healthy Blue patients on non-preferred medication products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. *Clinical Criteria* may need to be met for certain preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List* on the Healthy Blue provider website: <https://provider.healthybluenc.com>. The *Preferred Drug List* is subject to change monthly.

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Non-preferred products¹
Inhalers — long-acting beta-adrenergics	Serevent Diskus	Arcapta neohaler Striverdi Respimat inhalation spray
Inhalers — rescue (short acting) ³	ProAir HFA inhaler ² Ventolin HFA inhaler ²	Albuterol HFA inhaler <i>Generic for ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA inhalers</i> Proair digihaler Proair RespiClick Proventil HFA inhaler Xopenex HFA inhaler
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Agents	Anoro Ellipta inhaler Atrovent HFA inhaler Bevespi Aerosphere Combivent Respimat inhalation spray Ipratropium nebulizer solution <i>Generic for Atrovent nebulizer solution</i> Ipratropium-albuterol solution <i>Generic for Duoneb</i> Spiriva Handihaler Spiriva Respimat inhalation spray	Daliresp tablet Duaklir Pressair Incruse Ellipta inhaler Lonhala Magnair Seebri neohaler Tudorza Pressair inhaler Utibron neohaler Yupelri solution

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Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Non-preferred products ¹
	Stiolto Respimat inhalation spray	
Inhalers — corticosteroids	Flovent Diskus Flovent HFA inhaler Budesonide suspension ⁴ <i>Generic for Pulmicort respules</i>	Alvesco inhaler Pulmicort respules 0.25mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg ³ Pulmicort Flexhaler Arnuity Ellipta inhaler ArmonAir digihaler Asmanex HFA inhaler Asmanex twisthaler QVAR Redihaler
Inhalers — corticosteroid combination	Advair Diskus Advair HFA inhaler Dulera inhaler Symbicort Inhaler	Fluticasone/Salmeterol inhalation <i>Generic for Advair Diskus</i> Budesonide/Formoterol inhalation <i>Generic for Symbicort</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol inhalation <i>Generic for Airduo</i> Airduo Digihaler/RespiClick Breo Ellipta Breztri Aerosphere Trelegy Ellipta Wixela inhub
Footnotes: ¹ Trial and failure of two preferred drugs are required to receive a non-preferred drug. ² To ensure the correct reimbursement, please submit claims for ProAir HFA or Ventolin HFA utilizing Dispense as Written (DAW) code 9, which indicates a plan-preferred brand. ³ Trial and failure of only one preferred drug is required to receive a non-preferred drug. ⁴ As of October 1, 2022, Budesonide suspension is now preferred. Pulmicort respules are now non-preferred.		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Healthy Blue Provider Services at **844-594-5072**.