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Hot Tip: Inhalers

Your Healthy Blue patients on non-preferred 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 Healthy Blue provider website at provider.healthybluenc.com. The *Preferred Drug List* is subject to change quarterly and at the Department's discretion.

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 spray
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	Flovent Diskus Flovent HFA inhaler	Alvesco inhaler

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	Fluticasone propionate diskus Fluticasone propionate HFA <i>Generic for Flovent</i>	Arnuity Ellipta inhaler ArmonAir digihaler Asmanex HFA inhaler Asmanex twisthaler Pulmicort Flexhaler QVAR Redihaler
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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