

Hot Tip: Asthma

Your Amerigroup Community Care patients on non-preferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

Adult Hot Tip		
Therapeutic class	Non-preferred products	Preferred products
Controller: ICS	Aerospan ¹ , Alvesco, ArmonAir RespiClick, Asmanex, Azmacort, Pulmicort, QVAR HFA ¹ , QVAR Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent Diskus/HFA
Controller: ICS/LABA Combo	Advair, Dulera, Symbicort	Breo Ellipta Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic <i>AirDuo RespiClick</i>)
Rescue: Beta-2 agonist	Proair HFA, Proair RespiClick, Proventil HFA Xopenex (generic <i>levalbutero</i> ²)	Ventolin HFA, Albuterol solution (nebules)
¹ Aerospan and Qvar HFA products have been discontinued by manufacturer. ² Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.		

Pediatric Hot Tip		
Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Controller: ICS	Aerospan ⁴ , Alvesco, ArmonAir RespiClick, Asmanex ¹ , Azmacort, Pulmicort, QVAR HFA ^{2,4} , QVAR Redihaler	Less than age 6: Asmanex ¹ Twisthaler, Budesonide suspension (nebules) ³ , Flovent Diskus/HFA, QVAR HFA ^{2,4} , Age 6 and older, less than age 12: Flovent Diskus/HFA, QVAR HFA ^{2,4} Age 12 and older: Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent Diskus/HFA
Controller: ICS/LABA Combo	Advair ² , Dulera, Symbicort ²	Less than age 12: Advair ² Diskus/HFA, Symbicort ²

Pediatric Hot Tip		
		Age 12 and older: Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic <i>AirDuo RespiClick</i>)
Rescue: Beta-2 agonist	Proair HFA, Proair RespiClick, Proventil HFA Xopenex (generic <i>levalbutero</i> ⁵)	Ventolin HFA and Albuterol solution (nebules)
<p>¹ Asmanex Twisthaler: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.</p> <p>² Advair, Qvar HFA and Symbicort: No prior authorization required for children younger than 12. Qvar HFA product being phased out by manufacturer.</p> <p>³ Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.</p> <p>⁴ Aerospan and Qvar HFA products have been discontinued by manufacturer.</p> <p>⁵ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>*Preferred products used with spacer: Flovent HFA, Ventolin HFA, Advair HFA, Qvar HFA⁴</p>		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

Preferred Drug List: <https://providers.amerigroup.com/MD> > Pharmacy > Medicaid Preferred Drug List

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