

Hot Tip: Asthma

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (Highmark BCBS) partners with Wellpoint companies to administer certain services to Medicaid Managed Care (MMC), Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), and Child Health Plus (CHPlus) members. Please note, this information is specific to the MMC, HARP, and CHPlus programs only.

Your Highmark BCBS patients may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred 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. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Highmark BCBS provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Adult Hot Tip		
Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Asthma — Controller	Aerospan Alvesco ArmonAir RespiClick Asmanex Azmacort Flovent ² Pulmicort Qvar Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta Budesonide suspension (nebules) Fluticasone 44mcg HFA Fluticasone 110mcg HFA Fluticasone 220mcg HFA
Asthma — Controller	Advair AirDuo RespiClick Breo Ellipta Dulera	Wixela Inhub <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol <i>Brand name: AirDuo RespiClick</i> Budesonide-Formoterol <i>Brand name: Symbicort</i>
Asthma — Rescue	Proair, Proair RespiClick, Proventil HFA Xopenex <i>Generic name: levalbuterol¹</i> Ventolin HFA	Albuterol Sulfate HFA <i>Brand name: ProAir HFA</i> Albuterol Sulfate HFA <i>Brand name: Ventolin HFA</i> Albuterol solution (nebules)
¹ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered. ² As of November 1, 2022, Flovent is a non-preferred product. *Please note, member can fill 90-day supply at retail pharmacy for controller medications.		

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Pediatric Hot Tip		
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<p>¹ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>² Asmanex Twisthaler: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.</p> <p>³ Advair: No prior authorization required for children younger than 12.</p> <p>⁴ Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 5.</p> <p>⁵ As of November 1, 2022, Flovent is a non-preferred product.</p> <p>* Preferred products used with spacer: Fluticasone HFA, Albuterol HFA, Advair HFA</p>		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Provider Services at **866-231-0847**.

The *PDL* is available at mybcbswny.com/stateplans > Provider > Eligibility & Pharmacy > Pharmacy Information.