

Healthy Blue Hot Tip: Asthma

Your Healthy Blue patients on nonpreferred products may experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Prior authorization and step therapy may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Healthy Blue website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Adult Hot Tip		
Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Asthma — controller	Asmanex, Pulmicort, Aerospan, Alvesco, ArmonAir RespiClick, Azmacort, Qvar Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta ² , Flovent ² , and Budesonide suspension (nebules)
Asthma — controller	Advair, AirDuo RespiClick, Breo Ellipta, Dulera	Wixela Inhub ² <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol ² <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol ² <i>Brand name: AirDuo RespiClick</i> Budesonide-Formoterol ² <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 Members can receive up to a 90-day supply via home delivery.		

Pediatric Hot Tip		
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Asthma — controller	Advair ³ , AirDuo RespiClick, Breo Ellipta, Dulera	Wixela Inhub ⁵ <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol ⁵ <i>Brand name: Advair Diskus</i> Fluticasone/Salmeterol ⁵ <i>Brand name: AirDuo RespiClick</i> Budesonide/Formoterol ⁵ <i>Brand name: Symbicort</i>
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¹ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered. ² Asmanex Twisthaler: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6. ³ Advair: No prior authorization required for children younger than 12. ⁴ Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 5. ⁵ Members can receive up to a 90-day supply via home delivery. *Preferred products used with spacer: Flovent HFA, Albuterol HFA, Advair HFA		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call the Customer Care Center at **866-757-8286**. To view the *PDL*, visit www.HealthyBlueSC.com and select **Providers**.