

**MEDICAID PROVIDER BULLETIN**

April 2018

**Quarterly pharmacy formulary change notice**

The formulary changes listed in the table below were reviewed and approved at the first-quarter Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting. Effective April 15, 2018, the following formulary changes apply. This notice applies to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid (Anthem) benefits in Kentucky.

<b>Inhaled Corticosteroid Coverage Update Effective for all patients on April 15, 2018</b>	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Revised status</b>
FLOVENT HFA 110 MCG INHALER FLOVENT HFA 44 MCG INHALER FLOVENT HFA 220 MCG INHALER FLOVENT 50 MCG DISKUS FLOVENT 100 MCG DISKUS FLOVENT 250 MCG DISKUS	PREFERRED (AGE LIMIT REMOVED)
AEROSPAN* 80 MCG INHALER	NON-PREFERRED AS OF MAY 1, 2018
<b>Resulting Inhaled Corticosteroid Coverage</b>	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Status</b>
ARNUITY ELLIPTA FLOVENT HFA/DISKUS	PREFERRED
BUDESONIDE FOR NEBULIZATION	PREFERRED FOR MEMBERS 5 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER
ASMANEX TWISTHALER	COVERED FOR MEMBERS 5 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER
QVAR HFA	COVERED FOR MEMBERS 11 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER
QVAR REDIHALER ASMANEX HFA ALVESCO PULMICORT FLEXHALER ARMONAIR RESPICLICK AEROSPAN*	NON-PREFERRED

\* Currently being removed from the market.

**What action do I need to take?**

Please review these changes and work with your Anthem patients to transition them to formulary alternatives. If you determine preferred formulary alternatives are not clinically appropriate for specific patients, you will need to obtain prior authorization to continue coverage beyond the applicable effective date.

<https://medproviders.anthem.com/ky>

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**What if I need assistance?**

We recognize the unique aspects of patients' cases. If for medical reasons your Anthem patient cannot be converted to a formulary alternative, call our Pharmacy department at **1-855-661-2028** and follow the voice prompts for pharmacy prior authorization. You can find the *Preferred Drug List* on our provider website at <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/ky/pages/pharmacy.aspx>.

If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-855-661-2028**.