

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions (Anthem) Hot Tip: Asthma

Your Anthem 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 Anthem provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Therapeutic class	Nonpreferred products	Preferred products
Asthma — Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alvesco (ciclesonide) • ArmonAir RespiClick (fluticasone propionate) • Asmanex HFA (mometasone furoate) • Asmanex Twisthaler1 (mometasone furoate) • Azmacort (triamcinolone) • Pulmicort (budesonide) • Qvar Redihaler (beclomethasone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnuity Ellipta (fluticasone furoate) • Budesonide suspension nebulas1 (generic Pulmicort Respules suspension) • Flovent Diskus & HFA (fluticasone propionate)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advair HFA2 & Diskus (fluticasone/ salmeterol) • AirDuo Respiclick & Digihaler (fluticasone/ salmeterol) • Dulera (mometasone/ formoterol) • Symbicort (budesonide/ formoterol) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breo Ellipta (fluticasone/ vilanterol) • Budesonide/formoterol (generic Symbicort) • Fluticasone/salmeterol (generic AirDuo Respiclick) • Fluticasone/salmeterol (authorized generic Advair Diskus) • Wixela Inhub (fluticasone/salmeterol)
Asthma — Rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levalbuterol HFA & nebules (generic Xopenex) • Proair HFA & Respiclick (albuterol) • Proventil HFA (albuterol) • Ventolin HFA (albuterol) • Xopenex HFA & nebules (levalbuterol) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albuterol nebules • Albuterol HFA (generic Proair, Proventil and Ventolin) • Combivent Respimat (ipratropium/albuterol) • Ipratropium/albuterol nebules

1 No step therapy required for children younger than 6 requesting Asmanex Twisthaler or budesonide suspension nebules.

2 No step therapy required for children younger than 12 requesting Advair HFA.

* Please note, member can fill 90 day supply at retail pharmacy for controller medications.

** Preferred products that may be used with spacer: Advair HFA (children less than 12), Flovent HFA, Ventolin HFA

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, call Provider Services at **1-844-396-2330** or email your Provider Relations representative at nvproviderrelations@anthem.com.

PDL: <https://mediproviders.anthem.com/nv/pages/formulary.aspx>