

Hot Tip: Asthma (Pediatric)

Your Amerigroup District of Columbia, Inc. patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

| Therapeutic class | Preferred products | Non-preferred products |
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| Controller: ICS | <p>All ages: Flovent Diskus/HFA®</p> <p>Less than age 6: Asmanex¹ Twisthaler®, Budesonide suspension (nebules)²</p> <p>Age 12 and older: Arnuity Ellipta®</p> | Alvesco®, ArmonAir, RespiClick®, Asmanex® ¹ , Pulmicort®, QVAR, Redihaler® |
| Controller: ICS/LABA Combo | <p>Age 4 and older: Wixela®, Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic Advair®)</p> <p>Age 12 and older: Fluticasone/Salmeterol</p> | Advair®, AirDuo Respiclick®, Dulera®, Symbicort® |
| Rescue: Beta-2 agonist | Albuterol solution (nebules), Albuterol HFA (generic Ventolin®, Proventil®) | Proair HFA®, Proair RespiClick®, Proventil HFA®, Ventolin HFA® Levalbuterol ³ (generic Xopenex®) |
| <p>¹ Asmanex Twisthaler®: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6. ² Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6. ³ Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>*Preferred products used with spacer: Flovent HFA®, Albuterol HFA, Fluticasone/Salmeterol HFA</p> | | |

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

Preferred Drug List: https://fm.formularynavigator.com/FBO/4/DC_PDL_English.pdf