

Quarterly pharmacy formulary change notice

Summary: Effective May 1, 2019, the preferred formulary changes detailed in the table below apply to members enrolled in the District of Columbia Healthy Families Program, Alliance and Immigrant Children’s Program. Additionally, effective May 1, 2019, there are changes to the nonpreferred and prior authorization requirements of these formulary items. The formulary changes were reviewed and approved at the first quarter pharmacy and therapeutics committee meeting held March 2019.

Formulary changes effective May 1, 2019			
Therapeutic class	Medication	Formulary status change	Potential alternatives (preferred products)
BETA AGONISTS INHALERS	VENTOLIN HFA 90 MCG INHALER	NON-PREFERRED	ALBUTEROL SUL HFA 90 MCG INH
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BETA-ADRENERGIC AND GLUCOCORTICOID COMBO; INHALED	WIXELA 100-50 INHUB WIXELA 250-50 INHUB WIXELA 500-50 INHUB FLUTICASONE-SALMETEROL 100-50 INHALER FLUTICASONE-SALMETEROL 250-50 INHALER FLUTICASONE-SALMETEROL 500-50 INHALER	PREFERRED	N/A
ANAPHYLAXIS THERAPY AGENTS	SYMJEPI 0.3 MG/0.3 ML SYRINGE	PREFERRED WITH QUANTITY LIMIT	N/A
HEPATITIS C THERAPY	SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR 400-100	PREFERRED WITH PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	N/A

What action do I need to take?

Review these changes and work with your 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.

What if I need assistance?

We recognize the unique aspects of patients’ cases. If for medical reasons your patient cannot be converted to a formulary alternative, call our Pharmacy department at 1-800-454-3730 and follow the voice prompts for pharmacy prior authorization.

You can find the *Preferred Drug List* on our provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/DC> > Pharmacy.

If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.