

Hot Tip: Asthma

Your Wellpoint patients may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization Management edits may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the [Wellpoint provider website](#). The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Therapeutic class	Preferred products	Nonpreferred products
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma — controller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnuity Ellipta (fluticasone furoate) Budesonide suspension nebulas (generic Pulmicort Respules suspension) Flovent Diskus & HFA (fluticasone propionate) 	<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"> Budesonide/formoterol (generic Symbicort) Fluticasone/salmeterol (generic AirDuo Respiclick) Fluticasone/salmeterol (authorized generic Advair Diskus) Wixela Inhub (fluticasone/salmeterol) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advair HFA² & Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol) AirDuo Respiclick & Digihaler (fluticasone/salmeterol) Breo Ellipta (fluticasone/vilanterol) Dulera (mometasone/formoterol) Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma — rescue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albuterol nebulas Albuterol HFA (generic Proair, Proventil and Ventolin) Combivent Respimat (ipratropium/albuterol) Ipratropium/albuterol nebulas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levalbuterol HFA & nebulas (generic Xopenex) Proair HFA & Respiclick (albuterol) Proventil HFA (albuterol) Ventolin HFA (albuterol) Xopenex HFA & nebulas (levalbuterol)

1 No step therapy required for children younger than six requesting Asmanex Twisthaler.

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

* 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

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