

Hot Tip: Asthma (Pediatric)

Your Wellpoint 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
Controller: ICS	<p>All ages: Flovent Diskus/HFA®</p> <p>Less than age 6: Asmanex¹ Twisthaler®, Budesonide suspension (nebulas)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 <i>Advair</i>®)</p> <p>Age 12 and older: Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic <i>AirDuo RespiClick</i>)</p>	Advair®, AirDuo Respiclick®, Dulera®, Symbicort®
Rescue: Beta-2 agonist	Albuterol solution (nebulas), Albuterol HFA (generic <i>Ventolin</i> ®, <i>Proventil</i> ®)	Proair HFA®, Proair RespiClick®, Proventil HFA®, Ventolin HFA® Levalbuterol ³ (generic <i>Xopenex</i> ®)
<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 **833-731-2149**.

Preferred Drug List: <https://provider.wellpoint.com/pages/nj-2012.aspx>