



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Beta Adrenergic Agents – Short Acting PDL Edit	
First Implementation Date:	November 17, 2004	
Proposed Date:	March 19, 2020	
Prepared For:	MO HealthNet	
Prepared By:	MO HealthNet/Conduent	
Criteria Status:	□Existing Criteria	
	Revision of Existing Criteria	
	□New Criteria	

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a state-specific preferred drug list.

Why Issue Short-acting beta-agonists work quickly to relieve asthma symptoms. They relax the smooth muscles around the airways, and are prescribed to use as needed to relieve shortness of breath most commonly associated with asthma. Overuse of these products is common and indicates that asthma is poorly controlled and that long-term control medications should be added or adjusted.

Total program savings for the PDL classes will be regularly reviewed.

Program-Specific	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Information:	ProAir [®] HFA	 Albuterol HFA (gen ProAir[®] HFA)
	Proventil [®] HFA	Albuterol HFA (gen Proventil [®] HFA)
		 Albuterol HFA (gen Ventolin[®] HFA)
		Levalbuterol HFA
		 ProAir[®] Digihaler[™]
		ProAir RespiClick [®]
		Ventolin [®] HFA
		Xopenex HFA [®]
Type of Criteria:	Increased risk of ADE	Preferred Drug List
	Appropriate Indications	□ Clinical Edit
Data Sources:	Only Administrative Databases	Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Beta Adrenergic Agents Short Acting
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants

Approval Criteria

- Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 2 preferred agents
 - Documented trial period of preferred agent
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agent

Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agent
- Therapy will be denied if no approval criteria are met

Required Documentation			
Laboratory Results: MedWatch Form:	Progress Notes: Other:		
Disposition of Edit			
Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List) Rule Type: PDL			
Default Approval Period			
1 year			
References			

1 Evidence-Based Medicine Analysis: "Beta-2 Adrenergic Agonist Agents" UN

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