

SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Anticholinergics, Short Acting and Combinations Inhaled PDL Edit
First Implementation Date:	July 7, 2022
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Criteria Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

Executive Summary

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

Why Issue Selected: Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways characterized by reversible episodes of chest tightness, shortness of breath, cough or wheezing. Severity is determined by multiple factors including frequency of symptoms, FEV₁ and FEV₁/FVC measurements, and frequency of exacerbations. Approximately 25 million individuals are impacted by asthma, including 6 million children under the age of 18. The condition, although often manageable with lifestyle changes, pharmacologic therapies, and trigger avoidance, continues to be a significant health and economic burden.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a common, preventable, and treatable disease that is characterized by persistent respiratory symptoms and airflow limitation that is due to airway and/or alveolar abnormalities. It continues to be a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Pharmacological therapy is used to reduce COPD symptoms and reduce the frequency and severity of exacerbations. Treatment regimens are individualized based on symptom severity, exacerbation risk, comorbidities, and patient ability to effectively manage and utilize the various drug delivery devices.

Many of the currently available pharmacologic therapies utilized for the treatment and management of asthma and COPD overlap in their FDA-approved indications. Choice of therapy is guided by disease severity, prior therapies utilized, product cost, patient ability to properly use the various delivery devices, potential side effects, concomitant disease states, and ability to maintain adherence to the therapy regimen.

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

Program-Specific Information:	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atrovent HFA® • Combivent Respimat® • Ipratropium Soln • Ipratropium/Albuterol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Type of Criteria: Increased risk of ADE
 Appropriate Indications

Preferred Drug List
 Clinical Edit

Data Sources: Only Administrative Databases

Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Anticholinergics, Short Acting and Combinations Inhaled
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants

Approval Criteria

- ~~Documented compliance on current therapy regimen OR~~
- Claim is for a preferred product

Denial Criteria

- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met
- Claim exceeds maximum dosing limitation for the following:

Drug Description	Generic Equivalent	Max Dosing Limitation
COMBIVENT RESPIMAT	IPRATROPIUM/ALBUTEROL	1 inhaler every 20 days

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

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