**Executive Summary**

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

**Why Issue Selected:** 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.

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**Data Sources:**
- □ Only Administrative Databases
- ☒ Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

**Type of Criteria:**
- ☒ Preferred Drug List
- □ Clinical Edit
- □ Increased risk of ADE
- ☐ Appropriate Indications

**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 OR
  - 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: ___________  Progress Notes: ___________
- MedWatch Form: ___________  Other: ___________

Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception Code “0160” (Preferred Drug List)
Rule Type: PDL

Default Approval Period

1 year

References

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