

CORONAVIRUS 19 (COVID-19) ANTI-STOCKPILING POLICY

POLICY: Short-Acting Beta Agonists for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Infections Anti-stockpiling

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DRUGS AFFECTED:

- albuterol sulfate aerosol, metered (ProAir[®] HFA – Teva Respiratory, LLC; Proventil[®] HFA – Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp; Ventolin[®] HFA – GlaxoSmithKline LLC; generics)
- albuterol sulfate powder, metered (ProAir[®] Respiclick[™], ProAir[®] Digihaler[™] – Teva Respiratory, LLC)
- levalbuterol tartrate aerosol, metered (Xopenex HFA[®] - Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., generics)

Drug	Medication allowed per 30 day period
ProAir HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 8.5 grams
Proventil HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 6.7 grams
Ventolin HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 18 grams
ProAir Respiclick 90 mcg	1 inhaler = 1 gram
ProAir Digihaler 90 mcg	1 inhaler = 0.65 gram
Xopenex HFA 45 mcg (levalbuterol)	1 inhaler = 15 grams

OVERVIEW

The medications listed in table above are approved use in the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in patients with reversible obstructive airway disease and prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm.¹⁻⁶

The purpose of this policy is to prevent the stockpiling, misuse and/or overuse of the above medications. For coverage of additional medication, prior authorization is required.

CRITERIA

Approval duration as noted below in criteria.

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1. For patients with Asthma, Reactive Airway Disease (e.g., exercise induced bronchospasm, influenza, or COVID-19), or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), **AND** the prescriber attests that the patient needs an additional inhaler per 30 days, approve a one-time override of one inhaler based on the quantities in the table below.

Drug	One-time override quantity allowed
ProAir HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 8.5 grams
Proventil HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 6.7 grams

Ventolin HFA 90 mcg (albuterol sulfate)	1 inhaler = 18 grams
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REFERENCES

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2. ProAir Respiclick [prescribing information]. Horsham, PA: Teva Respiratory, LLC; December 2018.
3. ProAir Digihaler [prescribing information]. Frazer, PA: Teva Respiratory, LLC; September 2019.
4. Proventil HFA [prescribing information]. Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.; July 2018.
5. Ventolin HFA [prescribing information]. Research Triangle Park, NC: GlaxoSmithKline; December 2019.
6. Xopenex HFA [prescribing information]. Marlborough, MA: Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc.; February 2017.

HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Date
New Policy	Reviewed and approved by TAC.	03/30/2020