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Non-Preferred Short-Acting Beta-2 Agonist (SABA) Agents Step Therapy

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 year

Medications	Comment	Quantity Limit
Ventolin HFA	Preferred	Subject to Quantity Limits
Levalbuterol tartrate HFA	Non-Preferred	
ProAir HFA		
ProAir Respiclick		
Proventil HFA (preferred for Louisiana only)		
Xopenex HFA		

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for a non-preferred short-acting beta-2 agonist (SABA) agent may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has had a trial and inadequate response or intolerance to one preferred agent;

Preferred agent: Ventolin HFA

OR

- II. If all dry powder inhalers (DPIs)^ are designated non-preferred agents, the requested agent may be approved for individuals who lack effective hand-breath coordination;

^Note: MDI SABA agents: Levalbuterol tartrate HFA, ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA, Xopenex HFA.

DPI SABA agent: ProAir RespiClick.

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State Specific Mandates		
Louisiana Medicaid	N/A	Louisiana Medicaid has different preferred agents per the Louisiana Medicaid Common PDL. The preferred agents in Louisiana are as follows: Albuterol Nebulizer, Ventolin HFA, Proventil HFA

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