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## **Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) Hot Tip: Asthma (Adults)**

Your Empire patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

<b>Therapeutic class</b>	<b>Nonpreferred products</b>	<b>Preferred products</b>
Asthma — Controller	Asmanex, Pulmicort, Aerospan, Alvesco, ArmonAir RespiClick, Azmacort, Qvar HFA <sup>1</sup> , Qvar Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent and Budesonide suspension (nebules)
	Advair, Symbicort, Dulera	Breo Ellipta  Fluticasone/Salmeterol <i>Brand Name: AirDuo RespiClick</i>
Asthma — Rescue	Proair HFA, Proair RespiClick, Proventil HFA  Xopenex <i>Generic: levalbutero<sup>2</sup></i>	Ventolin HFA and Albuterol solution (nebules)
<p>1 Qvar HFA product being phased out by manufacturer.                  2 Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>* Please note, member can fill 90 day supply at retail pharmacy for controller medications.</p>		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **1-800-450-8753**.

*Preferred Drug List:*

<https://mediproviders.empireblue.com/ny/pages/formularies.aspx>

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