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

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 <sup>1</sup> , Pulmicort, Aerospan, Alvesco, ArmonAir RespiClick, Azmacort and QVAR HFA <sup>2</sup> , QVAR Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent and Budesonide suspension (nebules) <sup>3</sup>
	Advair <sup>2</sup> , Symbicort, Dulera	Breo Ellipta  Fluticasone/Salmeterol <i>Brand Name: AirDuo RespiClick</i>
Asthma — rescue	Proair HFA, Proair RespiClick, Proventil HFA  Xopenex <i>Generic: levalbuterol<sup>4</sup></i>	Ventolin HFA and Albuterol solution (nebules)
<p>1 Asmanex Twisthaler: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.            2 Advair and Qvar HFA: No prior authorization required for children younger than 12. Qvar HFA product being phased out by manufacturer.            3 Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 5.            4 Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>* Preferred products used with spacer: Flovent HFA, Ventolin HFA, Advair HFA, Qvar HFA</p>		

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

*Preferred Drug List:*

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

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