



PROVIDER QUICK TIPS

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Short-acting beta agonist metered dose inhalers temporarily added to Statewide Preferred Drug List

Albuterol HFA is the preferred short-acting beta agonist metered dose inhaler (MDI) on the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Statewide Preferred Drug List (PDL). The Department of Human Services is aware of ongoing supply issues with albuterol HFA MDIs. Effective April 1, 2020, additional short-acting beta agonist MDIs will be preferred on the Statewide PDL and will remain preferred until an adequate supply of albuterol HFA is available in the marketplace.

BRONCHODILATORS, BETA AGONIST

Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Albuterol HFA ^{QL} Albuterol Nebulizer Concentrate Solution, Vial Albuterol Syrup Serevent Diskus ^{PA, QL}	Albuterol Tablet Albuterol ER Tablet Arcapta Neohaler ^{QL} Brovana Vial ^{QL} **Levalbuterol HFA^{QL} Levalbuterol Nebulizer Concentrate Solution, Vial ^{QL} Metaproterenol Syrup, Tablet Perforomist Solution ^{QL} **Proair HFA^{QL} **Proair Respiclick^{QL} **Proventil HFA^{QL} Striverdi Respimat ^{QL} Terbutaline Tablet **Ventolin HFA^{QL} **Xopenex HFA^{QL} Xopenex Nebulizer Concentrate Solution, Vial ^{QL}
	**Effective April 1, 2020, products indicated with ** in the list above will be PREFERRED and remain preferred for the duration of albuterol HFA shortages.

This guidance will remain in effect while a valid disaster declaration authorized by the Governor related to the COVID-19 virus remains in effect.

Additional information is also available on the [CDC website](#) and through [CMS](#).

Information on MA Program coverage related to COVID-19, to include an FAQ document, can be found on the Department of Human Services website [here](#).

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a dedicated page for COVID-19 that provides regular updates. Click [here](#) for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.

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