

Non-Preferred Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS)/Long-Acting Beta-2 Agonist (LABA) Combination Agents

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medication	Comments	Quantity Limit
budesonide/formoterol (generic Symbicort) Breyna (budesonide/formoterol) fluticasone/salmeterol (generic AirDuo RespiClick) Wixela Inhub (fluticasone/salmeterol) Authorized Generic Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol)	Preferred	May be subject to quantity limit
AirDuo RespiClick (fluticasone/salmeterol) AirDuo Digihaler (fluticasone/salmeterol) Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol) Advair HFA (fluticasone/salmeterol) Breo Ellipta (fluticasone/vilanterol) Dulera (mometasone/formoterol) Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)	Non-Preferred	

APPROVAL CRITERIA

- I. Requests for a non-preferred ICS/LABA combination agent may be approved if the following criteria are met:
 - A. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to one preferred ICS/LABA combination agent [preferred agents are budesonide/formoterol (generic

Symbicort, Breyna), fluticasone/salmeterol (generic AirDuo Respiclick), Wixela Inhub (fluticasone/salmeterol), Authorized Generic Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol),];

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Federal and state laws or requirements, contract language, and Plan utilization management programs or policies may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

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