

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

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization	1 year

Medications	Comment	Quantity Limit
Albuterol HFA	Preferred	May be subject to quantity limit
Levalbuterol tartrate HFA	Non-Preferred	
ProAir Digihaler		
ProAir HFA		
ProAir Respiclick		
Proventil HFA		
Ventolin HFA		
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 (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to one preferred agent;

Preferred agents: albuterol HFA.

OR

- II. ProAir Digihaler, ProAir RespiClick (Dry Powder Inhalers [DPI[^]] SABA agent) may be approved for individuals who lack effective hand-breath coordination.

[^]Note:

MDI SABA agents: Albuterol sulfate HFA, Levalbuterol tartrate HFA, ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA, Xopenex HFA.

DPI SABA agent: ProAir Digihaler, ProAir RespiClick.

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