
30 Day Notice to Prior Authorize Rescue HFA Inhalers

Oklahoma Health Care Authority
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Recommendations

The College of Pharmacy recommends the addition of the Rescue HFA Inhalers to the Product Based Prior Authorization program. This category is unique in that, pharmacologically, all the agents considered consist of a form of albuterol, in an aerosolized delivery device with hydrofluoroalkane as the propellant. Therefore, the College of Pharmacy recommends initiation of a supplemental rebate offer to all manufacturers involved before arrangement of the products in the tier list. The manufacturer(s) returning the best economic offer will subsequently have their product placed on Tier 1, and all others will be placed on Tier 2. If no supplemental rebate offers are returned then the current lowest priced HFA product(s) will be placed on Tier 1. Once the Tier 1 product(s) have been determined, the College of Pharmacy will perform an educational outreach activity to inform providers of the FDA mandate and the SoonerCare preferred product(s).

Short Acting B2 Agonists	
Tier 1	Tier 2
Best Supplemental Rebate Agreement	ProAir® HFA
	Proventil® HFA
	Ventolin® HFA
	Xopenex® HFA

The following is the proposed approval criteria:

1. Approved or clinically accepted indication, and
2. Specific reason member cannot use all available tier one products.