

QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS	SHORT ACTING BETA2-ADRENERGIC AGONIST ORAL
INHALATION	
BRAND NAME	
(generic)	(albuterol inhalation solution)
	PROAIR HFA (albuterol)
	PROAIR RESPICLICK (albuterol)
	PROVENTIL HFA (albuterol)
	VENTOLIN HFA (albuterol)
	XOPENEX SOLUTION (levalbuterol)
	XOPENEX CONCENTRATE (levalbuterol)
	XOPENEX HFA (levalbuterol)
Status: CVS Caremark Criteria	
Type: Quantity Limit	

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Albuterol Inhalation Solution 0.021% and 0.042%

Albuterol sulfate inhalation solution 0.021% and 0.042% is indicated for the relief of bronchospasm in patients 2 to 12 years of age with asthma (reversible obstructive airway disease).

Albuterol Inhalation Solution 0.083%

Albuterol sulfate inhalation solution 0.083% is indicated for the relief of bronchospasm in patients 2 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease and acute attacks of bronchospasm.

Beta Agonists-Short Acting Oral Inhalation Limit Policy

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Albuterol Inhalation Solution 0.5%

Albuterol sulfate inhalation solution 0.5% is indicated for the relief of bronchospasm in patients 2 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease and acute attacks of bronchospasm.

ProAir HFA

Bronchospasm

Proair HFA Inhalation Aerosol is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm

Proair HFA Inhalation Aerosol is indicated for the prevention of exercise induced bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older.

ProAir RespiClick

Bronchospasm

ProAir RespiClick (albuterol sulfate) inhalation powder is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm

ProAir RespiClick is indicated for the prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older.

Proventil HFA

Proventil HFA Inhalation Aerosol is indicated in adults and children 4 years of age and older for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm with reversible obstructive airway disease and for the prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm.

Ventolin HFA

Bronchospasm

Ventolin HFA is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm

Ventolin HFA is indicated for the prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm in patients 4 years of age and older.

Xopenex Solution

Xopenex (levalbuterol HCl) Inhalation Solution is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in adults, adolescents, and children 6 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

Xopenex Concentrate

Xopenex (levalbuterol HCl) Inhalation Solution Concentrate is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in adults, adolescents, and children 6 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

Xopenex HFA

XopenexHFA is indicated for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm in adults, adolescents, and children 4 years of age and older with reversible obstructive airway disease.

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LIMIT CRITERIA				
PLEASE NOTE: Since manufacturer package sizes may vary, it is the discretion of the dispensing pharmacy to fill quantities per package size up to these quantity limits. In such cases the filling limit and day supply may be less than what is indicated.				
Medication*	Maintenance Dose	Maximum Daily Dose	Package Size	1 Month Limit* 3 Months Limit*
Albuterol 0.021%, 0.63mg / 3mL and 0.042%, 1.25mg / 3mL Inhalation Solution	nebulization of 1 vial (3mL) three-four times daily	4 vials (3mL each)	25 vials (3mL each) per carton 30 vials (3mL each) per carton	5 packages (125 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 15 packages (375 vials x 3mL) / 75 days 4 packages (120 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 12 packages (360 vials x 3mL) / 75 days
Albuterol 0.083%, 2.5mg / 3mL Inhalation Solution	nebulization of 1 vial (3mL) three-four times daily	4 vials (3mL each)	25 vials (3mL each) per carton 30 vials (3mL each) per carton 60 vials (3mL each) per carton	5 packages (125 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 15 packages (375 vials x 3mL) / 75 days 4 packages (120 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 12 packages (360 vials x 3mL) / 75 days 2 packages (120 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 6 packages (360 vials x 3mL) / 75 days

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Albuterol 0.5%, 2.5mg / 0.5mL Inhalation Solution	nebulization of 0.25mL-0.5mL three-four times daily	2mL	20mL per bottle 30 vials (0.5mL each) per carton	3 packages (20mL each) / 25 days 9 packages (20mL each) / 75 days 4 packages (120 vials x 0.5mL) / 25 days 12 packages (360vials x 0.5mL) / 75 days
ProAir HFA	1-2 inhalations every 4-6 hours	12 inhalations	200 inhalations per 8.5gm canister	2 packages (8.5gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (8.5gm each) / 75 days
ProAir RespiClick	1-2 inhalations every 4-6 hours	12 inhalations	200 inhalations per inhaler	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Proventil HFA	1-2 inhalations every 4-6 hours	12 inhalations	200 inhalations per 6.7gm canister	2 packages (6.7gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (6.7gm each) / 75 days
Ventolin HFA	1-2 inhalations every 4-6 hours	12 inhalations	60 inhalations per 8gm canister 200 inhalations per 18gm canister	6 packages (8gm each) / 25 days 18 packages (8gm each) / 75 days 2 packages (18gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (18gm each) / 75 days
Xopenex 0.31mg,0.63mg, 1.25 mg / 3 mL Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution	nebulization of 1 vial (3mL) three times daily	3 vials (3mL each)	24 vials (3mL each) per carton 25 vials (3mL each) per carton 30 vials (3mL each) per carton	4 packages (96 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 12 packages (288 vials x 3mL) / 75 days 4 packages (100 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 12 packages (300 vials x 3mL) / 75 days 3 packages (90 vials x 3mL) / 25 days 9 packages (270 vials x 3mL) / 75 days
Xopenex Concentrate 1.25mg / 0.5mL	nebulization of 1 vial (0.5mL) three times daily	3 vials (0.5mL each)	30 vials (0.5mL each) per carton	3 package (90 vials x 0.5mL) / 25 days 9 packages (270 vials x 0.5mL) / 75 days
Xopenex HFA	1-2 inhalations every 4 to 6 hours	12 inhalations	200 inhalations per 15gm canister	2 packages (15gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (15gm each) / 75 days

**The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period and 75 days is used for a 90-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.*

**The limit criteria apply to both brand and generic, if available.*