

QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS CORTICOSTEROID ORAL INHALATION

BRAND NAME
(generic)

AEROSPAN
(flunisolide)

ALVESCO
(ciclesonide)

ARMONAIR RESPICLICK
(fluticasone propionate)

ARNUITY ELLIPTA
(fluticasone furoate)

ASMANEX HFA
(mometasone furoate)

ASMANEX TWISTHALER
(mometasone furoate)

FLOVENT DISKUS
(fluticasone propionate)

FLOVENT HFA
(fluticasone propionate)

PULMICORT FLEXHALER
(budesonide)

PULMICORT RESPULES
(budesonide)

QVAR
(beclomethasone)

QVAR REDHALER
(beclomethasone)

Corticosteroid Oral Inhalation Limit Policy 11-2017

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POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Aerospan

Aerospan inhalation aerosol is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adult and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older.

Aerospan Inhalation Aerosol is NOT indicated in children less than 6 years of age.

Alvesco

Alvesco is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adult and adolescent patients 12 years of age and older.

Alvesco is NOT indicated for children under 12 years of age.

ArmonAir Respiclick

Armonair Respiclick is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 12 years of age and older.

Arnuity Ellipta

Arnuity Ellipta is indicated for the once-daily maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients aged 5 years and older.

Asmanex HFA

Asmanex HFA is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 12 years of age and older.

Asmanex Twister

Asmanex Twister is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 4 years of age and older.

Asmanex Twister is NOT indicated in children less than 4 years of age.

Flovent Diskus

Flovent Diskus is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients aged 4 years and older.

Flovent HFA

Flovent HFA Inhalation Aerosol is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients aged 4 years and older.

Pulmicort Flexhaler

Pulmicort Flexhaler is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients six years of age or older.

Pulmicort Respules

Pulmicort Respules is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma and as prophylactic therapy in children 12 months to 8 years of age.

QVAR

QVAR is indicated in the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 5 years of age and older.

QVAR RediHaler

QVAR RediHaler is indicated in the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 4 years of age and older.

Important Limitations of Use

Oral inhaled corticosteroids are NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

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LIMIT CRITERIA				
Medication**	Starting Dose	Maximum** Daily Dose	Package Size	1 Month Limit* 3 Months Limit*
Aerospan 80mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (640mcg)	120 inhalations per 8.9gm canister	2 packages (8.9gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (8.9gm each) / 75 days
Alvesco 80mcg**	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per 6.1gm canister	3 packages (6.1gm each) / 25 days 9 packages (6.1gm each) / 75 days
Alvesco 160 mcg	1-2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (640mcg)	60 inhalations per 6.1gm canister	2 packages (6.1gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (6.1gm each) / 75 days
Armonair Respiclick 55mcg**	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Armonair Respiclick 113mcg**	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Armonair Respiclick 232mcg	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations (464mcg)	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 50	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 100**	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation**	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 200	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation (200mcg)	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 100mcg**	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 13gm canister	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 200mcg	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (800mcg)	120 inhalations per 13gm	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days

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Asmanex Twisthaler 110mcg**	1 inhalation once daily	2 inhalations**	30 inhalation units per package	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Asmanex Twisthaler 220mcg	1-2 inhalations once-twice daily	4 inhalations (880mcg)	30 inhalation units per package 60 inhalation units per package 120 inhalation units per package	4 packages / 25 days 12 packages / 75 days 2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days 1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 50mcg**	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 blisters per device	3 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 9 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 100mcg**	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations**	60 blisters per device	4 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 12 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 250mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (2000mcg)	60 blisters per device	4 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 12 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 44mcg**	2-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 110mcg**	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 12gm canister	2 packages (12gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12gm each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 220mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1760mcg)	120 inhalations per 12gm canister	2 packages (12gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12gm each) / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 90mcg**	2-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per device	3 packages / 25 days 9 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 180mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1440mcg)	120 inhalations per device	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.25mg**	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4mL) daily	3 respules**	30 respules (2mL each) per carton	3 packages (90 respules x 2mL) / 25 days 9 packages (270 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.5mg	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4mL) daily	2 respules (1mg)	30 respules (2mL each) per carton	2 packages (60 respules x 2mL) / 25 days 6 packages (180 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules	nebulization of 1 respule (2mL) daily	1 respule (1mg)	30 respules (2mL each)	1 package (30 respules x 2mL) / 25 days

1mg			per carton	3 packages (90 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
QVAR 40mcg**	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 8.7gm canister	2 packages (8.7gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (8.7gm each) / 75 days
QVAR 80mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (640mcg)	120 inhalations per 8.7gm canister	2 packages (8.7gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (8.7gm each) / 75 days
QVAR RediHaler 40mcg**	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm each) / 75 days
QVAR RediHaler 80mcg	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (640mcg)	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm each) / 75 days
<p><i>*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.</i></p> <p><i>*The limit criteria apply to both brand and generic, if available.</i></p> <p><i>**Utilize higher strength available.</i></p>				