



DATE: October 4, 2023
TO: Commonwealth of Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Network
FROM: MedImpact Healthcare Systems
Subject: Albuterol Submission Clarification Code Usage

Status: Due to allocation limitations of Ventolin HFA and shortages of Proventil HFA, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) temporarily changed the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List (PDL) to move generic albuterol HFA to preferred status on June 30, 2023. DMS was notified that the allocation issues have been resolved. As such, starting October 4, 2023, albuterol HFA was moved back to non-preferred status and again requires prior authorization. Proventil HFA and Ventolin HFA, as preferred products, continue to adjudicate without prior authorization.

In the event that occasional or regional allocation may impact ordering the preferred products, DMS has temporarily authorized pharmacy providers to enter a submission clarification code (SCC) of 02 in order to bypass the prior authorization requirement for albuterol HFA starting October 4, 2023 until further notice. SCC is NCPDP field 420-DK.

Please note, a true shortage MUST exist, meaning the preferred brand products are unavailable from your wholesaler, in order to use this functionality. Adequate documentation of the shortage is strongly recommended as potentially inappropriate use of SCC 02 may be subject to audit.

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