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****Important Updates to Preferred Albuterol Sulfate Inhaler Availability****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) and its pharmacy benefits administrator, Change Healthcare, previously communicated that Teva discontinued the manufacturing of ProAir® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation on 10/1/22. We have recently become aware of supply issues with some of the preferred alternatives. Proventil® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol (NDC 66758095985) is on backorder with a target release date of 04/24/23. Ventolin® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol (NDC 00173068220 and 00173068224) is available and being allocated to wholesalers, however, intermittent shortages may still exist. DVHA is not aware of any supply issues currently with ProAir Respiclick® (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Powder (NDC 59310058020).

The following will be temporarily opened as preferred options with no prior authorization required:

ProAir Digihaler® (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Powder NDC 59310011720

Albuterol sulfate HFA, Teva labeler only NDC 00093317431

The above products have a significantly lower net cost to Vermont Medicaid compared to currently available generics. We continually monitor the net costs of these medications and periodically adjust the PDL if new cost-effective products become available. If you feel it is medically necessary for your patient to use a non-preferred product, a prior authorization will be required.

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.