



PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Dear Provider:

*****albuterol HFA*****

Effective 1/22/2019, albuterol HFA inhalers are available and allowed on the Kern Family Health Care formulary. They came to market sooner than anticipated and were not able to be loaded prior to their release date.

Kern Family Health Care will cover both generic Ventolin HFA and ProAir HFA. Both of these generics have now been loaded to the formulary.

All of the albuterol HFA inhalers (Brands included) are not considered AB rated with each other, therefore one (Ventolin HFA, ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA) cannot technically be substituted for the others if written with the brand name.

It is KFHC's recommendation that prescriptions be written with the generic name, albuterol HFA inhaler. That would allow for selection of either of the generics available.

Authorization submission: Please submit TARs via the Provider portal.

<https://provider.kernfamilyhealthcare.com> Contact your company's system administrator for user access. If you are unsure who your system administrator is, please contact your Kern Health Systems Provider Relations Representative.

Sincerely,

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