

PROVIDER MEMO

To: Santa Clara Family Health Plan Providers
From: Laurie Nakahira
Chief Medical Officer
Date: September 20, 2019
Subject: Formulary Changes: Added Fluticasone/Salmeterol and Removed Symbicort

Dear SCFHP Provider,

Santa Clara Family Health Plan's (SCFHP) has made the following changes to the Medi-Cal and Healthy Kids Formulary:

- **Added generic fluticasone/salmeterol (Advair Diskus, Wixela Inhub, AirDuo RespiClick)** to ensure coverage for safe, clinically-equivalent, and cost-effective medications. Please consider the preferred agent, generic fluticasone/salmeterol (Advair Diskus, Wixela Inhub, AirDuo RespiClick), as a formulary alternative for your patients.
- **Effective October 15, 2019, Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol) will no longer be covered without prior authorization.** Members who currently have a prescription claim for Symbicort will receive a letter describing this formulary change. The letter will advise members to consult their provider about the possibility of switching to the formulary alternative.

If you have any questions about this formulary change, contact SCFHP's Pharmacy Department at 1-408-874-1796.

Thank you for your continuing care of our members.