



Information about the launch of generic Symbicort HFA inhaler

Effective Jan. 11, 2020, generic Symbicort HFA inhaler (budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler) is not covered or may require prior authorization (PA) for CarePlus patients; brand Symbicort HFA inhaler will continue to be covered and can be filled for the patient.

Prescribers with questions regarding this may call 1-866-315-7587, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern time.

Prescriber frequently asked questions on generic Symbicort HFA inhaler

1. Q: Is generic Symbicort HFA inhaler (budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler) being covered at the pharmacy?

A: For CarePlus plans, brand-name Symbicort HFA inhaler is covered and can be filled for your patients; generic Symbicort HFA inhaler (budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler) is not covered or may require prior authorization (PA).

2. Q: Why isn't budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler covered?

A: CarePlus decided not to cover budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler at this time; brand-name Symbicort HFA inhaler is on the formulary.

3. Q: Can I request an exception for budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler?

A: Yes, but the cost share for budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler may be the same as or higher than brand-name Symbicort HFA inhaler.

4. Q: Will budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler be covered in the future?

A: CarePlus may cover generic budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler at some point in the future.

5. Q: Will budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler ever be cheaper?

A: Eventually budesonide/formoterol HFA inhaler may be cheaper than Symbicort HFA inhaler; we anticipate this will occur in the future.

6. Q: Whom do I call if I have additional questions about generic Symbicort HFA inhaler?

A: Prescribers with questions may call 1-866-315-7587, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern time.