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## **Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus (Empire) Hot Tip: Asthma (Pediatric)**

Your Empire patients on nonpreferred products will experience a pharmacy claim rejection. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, please consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible.

Therapeutic Class	Preferred Products	Non-preferred Products
Controller: ICS	<p><b>All ages:</b> Flovent Diskus/HFA®</p> <p><b>Less than age 6:</b> Asmanex<sup>1</sup> Twisthaler®, Budesonide suspension (nebules)<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>Age 12 and older:</b> Arnuity Ellipta®</p>	Alvesco®, ArmonAir, RespiClick®, Asmanex® <sup>1</sup> , Pulmicort®, QVAR, Redihaler®
Controller: ICS/LABA Combo	<p><b>Age 4 and older:</b> Wixela®, Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic <i>Advair</i>®)</p> <p><b>Age 12 and older:</b> Fluticasone/Salmeterol (generic <i>AirDuo RespiClick</i>)</p>	Advair®, AirDuo Respiclick®, Dulera®, Symbicort®
Rescue: Beta-2 agonist	Albuterol solution (nebules), Albuterol HFA (generic <i>Ventolin</i> ®, <i>Proventil</i> ®)	Proair HFA®, Proair RespiClick®, Proventil HFA®, Ventolin HFA®  Levalbuterol <sup>3</sup> (generic <i>Xopenex</i> ®)
<p><sup>1</sup> Asmanex Twisthaler®: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.  <sup>2</sup> Budesonide: No prior authorization required for children younger than 6.  <sup>3</sup> Neither brand nor generic formulations are covered.</p> <p>*Preferred products used with spacer: Flovent HFA®, Albuterol HFA, Fluticasone/Salmeterol HFA</p>		

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **1-800-450-8753**.

*Preferred Drug List:*

<https://medproviders.empireblue.com/ny/pages/formularies.aspx>

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