

QUANTITY LIMIT CRITERIA

DRUG CLASS

CORTICOSTEROID ORAL INHALATION

BRAND NAME (generic)

ALVESCO
(ciclesonide)

ARMONAIR DIGIHALER
(fluticasone propionate)

ARNUITY ELLIPTA
(fluticasone furoate)

ASMANEX HFA
(mometasone furoate)

ASMANEX TWISTHALER
(mometasone furoate)

FLOVENT DISKUS
(fluticasone propionate)

FLOVENT HFA
(fluticasone propionate)

PULMICORT FLEXHALER
(budesonide)

PULMICORT RESPULES
(budesonide)

QVAR REDIHALER
(beclomethasone)

Status: CVS Caremark® Criteria

Type: Quantity Limit

POLICY

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Alvesco

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Alvesco is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older.

Limitations of Use:

Alvesco is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Alvesco is not indicated for children under 12 years of age.

ArmonAir Digihaler

ArmonAir Digihaler is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 12 years of age and older.

Limitations of Use:

ArmonAir Digihaler is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Arnuity Ellipta

Arnuity Ellipta is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma in adult and pediatric patients aged 5 years and older.

Limitations of Use

Arnuity Ellipta is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Asmanex HFA

Asmanex HFA is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 5 years of age and older.

Important Limitations of Use

Asmanex HFA is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Asmanex Twister

Asmanex Twister is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adult and pediatric patients 4 years of age and older.

Limitations of Use

Asmanex Twister is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Asmanex Twister is not indicated in children less than 4 years of age.

Flovent Diskus

Flovent Diskus is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients aged 4 years and older.

Important Limitation of Use

Flovent Diskus is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Flovent HFA

Flovent HFA is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adult and pediatric patients aged 4 years and older.

Limitations of Use

Flovent HFA is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Pulmicort Flexhaler

Pulmicort Flexhaler is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients six years of age or older.

Limitations of Use:

Pulmicort Flexhaler is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

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Pulmicort Respules

Pulmicort Respules is indicated for the maintenance treatment of asthma and as prophylactic therapy in children 12 months to 8 years of age.

Limitations of Use:

Pulmicort Respules is NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

QVAR Redihaler

QVAR Redihaler is indicated in the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in adults and pediatric patients 4 years of age and older.

Limitations of Use:

Qvar Redihaler is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

INITIAL LIMIT QUANTITY

Limits do not accumulate together; patient is allowed the maximum limit for each drug and strength

PLEASE NOTE: Since manufacturer package sizes may vary, it is the discretion of the dispensing pharmacy to fill quantities per package size up to these quantity limits. In such cases the filling limit and day supply may be less than what is indicated.

Medication**	Starting Dose	Maximum** Daily Dose	Package Size	1 Month Limit* 3 Month Limit*
Alvesco 80 mcg** (ciclesonide)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per 6.1 gm canister	3 packages (6.1 gm each) / 25 days 9 packages (6.1 gm each) / 75 days
Alvesco 160 mcg (ciclesonide)	1-2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (640 mcg)	60 inhalations per 6.1 gm canister	2 packages (6.1 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (6.1 gm each) / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 55 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 113 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 232 mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations (464 mcg)	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 50 mcg (fluticasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 100 mcg** (fluticasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation**	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 200 mcg (fluticasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation (200 mcg)	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 50 mcg (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations	120 inhalations per 13 gm canister	1 package (13 gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13 gm each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 100 mcg** (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 13 gm canister	1 package (13 gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13 gm each) / 75 days

Asmanex HFA 200 mcg (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (800 mcg)	120 inhalations per 13 gm canister	1 package (13 gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13 gm each) / 75 days
Asmanex Twisthaler 110 mcg** (mometasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	2 inhalations**	30 inhalation units per package	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Asmanex Twisthaler 220 mcg (mometasone furoate)	1-2 inhalations once to twice daily	4 inhalations (880 mcg)	30 inhalation units per package	4 packages / 25 days 12 packages / 75 days
			60 inhalation units per package	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
			120 inhalation units per package	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 50 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 blisters per device	3 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 9 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 100 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations**	60 blisters per device	4 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 12 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent Diskus 250 mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (2000 mcg)	60 blisters per device	4 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 12 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 44 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	2-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6 gm canister	2 packages (10.6 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6 gm each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 110 mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 12 gm canister	2 packages (12 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12 gm each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 220 mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1,760 mcg)	120 inhalations per 12 gm canister	2 packages (12 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12 gm each) / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 90 mcg** (budesonide)	2-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per device	3 packages / 25 days 9 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 180 mcg (budesonide)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1440 mcg)	120 inhalations per device	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.25 mg** (budesonide)	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4 mL) daily	3 respules**	30 respules (2 mL each) per carton	3 packages (90 respules x 2 mL) / 25 days 9 packages (270 respules x 2 mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.5 mg (budesonide)	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4 mL) daily	2 respules (1 mg)	30 respules (2 mL each) per carton	2 packages (60 respules x 2 mL) / 25 days 6 packages (180 respules x 2 mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 1 mg (budesonide)	nebulization of 1 respule (2 mL) daily	1 respule (1 mg)	30 respules (2 mL each) per carton	1 package (30 respules x 2 mL) / 25 days 3 packages (90 respules x 2 mL) / 75 days
QVAR Redihaler 40 mcg** (beclomethasone)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6 gm canister	2 packages (10.6 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6 gm each) / 75 days
QVAR Redihaler 80 mcg (beclomethasone)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (640 mcg)	120 inhalations per 10.6 gm canister	2 packages (10.6 gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6 gm each) / 75 days

*The duration of 25 days is used for a 30-day fill period and 75 days is used for a 90-day fill period to allow time for refill processing.

**Utilize higher strength available.

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