

FORMULARY UPDATES

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Alameda Alliance for Health Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee Decisions – June 17, 2008

The Alameda P & T committee reviewed the efficacy, safety, cost and utilization profiles of the following therapeutic categories at the June 17th, 2008 meeting:

- Asthma/COPD
- Allergy
- Hematologicals
- PAH
- Weight Reduction

*The Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee has approved the following modifications:

Generic Name & Strength/Dosage Form	Brand Name & Strength	Committee Actions
BUDESONIDE 32MCG nasal spray	RHINOCORT AQUA 32MCG	PA
AZELASTINE HCL 137MCG nasal spray	ASTELIN 137MCG	PA
CROMOLYN SODIUM 40MG/ML (OTC) nasal spray	CROMOLYN SODIUM 40MG/ML (OTC)	Add to Formulary (Medi-Cal)
CETIRIZINE HCL 1MG/ML (OTC) syrup	ZYRTEC 1MG/ML (OTC)	F: Step edit for loratadine and age <2 QL= 150ml/30 days
CETIRIZINE HCL 5MG (OTC) chewable tablet	CETIRIZINE HCL 5MG CHEW (OTC)	PA
CETIRIZINE HCL 10MG (OTC) chewable tablet	CETIRIZINE HCL 10MG CHEW (OTC)	PA
CETIRIZINE HCL 5MG (OTC) tablet	CETIRIZINE HCL 5MG (OTC)	F: Step edit for loratadine; QL=30 per 30 days
CETIRIZINE HCL 10MG (OTC) tablet	CETIRIZINE HCL 10MG (OTC)	F: Step edit for loratadine; QL=30 per 30 days
DESLORATADINE 2.5MG, 5MG redi-tabs	CLARINEX REDITABS 2.5MG, 5MG	PA
DESLORATADINE 5MG tablet	CLARINEX 5MG	PA
DESLORATADINE 2.5MG/5ML syrup	CLARINEX 2.5MG/5ML	PA

Generic Name & Strength/Dosage Form	Brand Name & Strength	Committee Actions
FEXOFENADINE HCL 30MG, 60MG, 180MG tablet	FEXOFENADINE HCL 30MG, 60MG, 180MG	PA
CHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE 8MG, 12MG sustained-release tablet	CHLOR-TRIMETON 8MG, 12MG	PA
MOMETASONE FUROATE 220MCG inhaler (120gm pkg size only)	ASMANEX 220MCG (120gm pkg size)	PA
FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE 44MCG, 110MCG, 220MCG inhaler	FLOVENT HFA 44MCG, 110MCG, 220MCG	F (if age <5); Step-edit for QVAR (if age > 5)
FLUTICASONE/SALMET EROL 100-50MCG inhaler	ADVAIR DISKUS 100- 50MCG, 250-50MCG, 500-50MCG	Step-edit for any ICS (inhaled corticosteroid) or Advair (look-back 180 days)
FLUTICASONE/SALMET EROL HFA 45-21MCG, 115-21MCG, 230-21MCG inhaler	ADVAIR HFA 45-21MCG, 115-21MCG, 230-21MCG	Step-edit for any ICS/Advair (look- back 180 days)
ALBUTEROL SULFATE 90MCG inhaler	VENTOLIN HFA	Remove Ventolin HFA from formulary (no grandfathering since formulary equivalents available)
LEVALBUTEROL HCL 0.31MG/3ML, 0.63MG/3ML, 1.25MG/3ML neb soln	XOPENEX 0.31MG/3ML, 0.63MG/3ML, 1.25MG/3ML	PA (no grandfathering since used acutely)
SALMETEROL XINAFOATE 50MCG inhaler	SEREVENT DISKUS 50MCG	Step-edit for concurrent ICS
IPRATROPIUM/ALBUTE ROL SULFATE 0.5-2.5/3 neb soln	IPRATROPIUM- ALBUTEROL 0.5-2.5/3	PA
TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE 18MCG inhaler	SPIRIVA 18MCG	Step-edit for Ipratropium (Atrovent HFA or Combivent)

***Note: Drugs removed from the formulary will be grandfathered for all utilizing members unless noted otherwise.**