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RE: Qnasl® 80mcg, Albuterol HFA, Naloxone Reminder

Qnasl® 80mcg

Effective August 15, 2022, Qnasl® (beclomethasone) 80mcg will move to Tier-3 of the Nasal Allergy Medications Tier chart. The prior authorization (PA) criteria for reimbursement of Qnasl® is as follows:

1. All Tier-2 criteria must be met; and
2. Failure with all available Tier-2 medications defined as no beneficial response after at least three weeks use at the maximum recommended dose; or
3. Documented adverse effect or contraindication to all Tier-2 medications.
4. For members 2 to 4 years of age, the age-appropriate, lower-tiered generic medications must be tried prior to the approval of higher-tiered medications.
5. Approvals will be for the duration of three months, except for members with chronic diseases such as asthma or COPD, in which case authorizations will be for the duration of one year.

Other changes in the Nasal Allergy Sprays category include the following:

- Astelin® (azelastine) 137mcg/act, 0.1% moved from Tier-2 to Tier-1
- Astepro® (azelastine) 205.5mcg/act, 0.15% moved from Tier-3 to Tier-2
- Nasonex® (mometasone) moved from Tier-3 to Tier-2

The specific PA requirements for the Nasal Allergy Sprays are located on the OHCA website at www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/pa in the “Respiratory” therapeutic category.

Albuterol HFA

Effective September 15, 2022, ProAir® HFA, Proventil® HFA, and Ventolin® HFA will be brand preferred. Brand name ProAir® HFA, Proventil® HFA, and Ventolin® HFA are Tier-1 medications available without PA and do not count against the member’s monthly brand name prescription limit. Generic albuterol HFA products are in Tier-2 of the Short-Acting Beta₂ Agonists Tier Chart and require PA for reimbursement. The specific PA requirements for the Short-Acting Beta₂ Agonists are located on the OHCA website at www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/pa in the “Respiratory” therapeutic category.

Naloxone Reminder

Naloxone injection and nasal spray are currently covered without PA, do not count against the member’s monthly prescription limit, and are covered at \$0 copay. As a reminder, brand name Narcan® nasal spray is a preferred product and also does not count against the member’s monthly brand name prescription limit.

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