



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Beta Agonist

Short Acting Nebulized solution

albuterol sulfate
metaproterenol sulfate
levalbuterol (Xopenex[®])

Long-Acting Inhalant

formoterol (Foradil
Aerolizer[®])
salmeterol (Serevent Diskus[®])

Short-Acting Inhalant

albuterol MDI
albuterol HFA (Ventolin
HFA[®])
metaproterenol MDI
(Alupent[®])
levalbuterol HFA (Xopenex
HFA[®])

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure, including age and dosing limits.

All agencies will implement the Beta Agonist class on April 1, 2007.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Regina Chacon at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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