

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

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

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.

Arnuity Ellipta

Arnuity Ellipta is indicated for the once-daily maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients aged 5 years and older.

Asmanex HFA

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

Asmanex Twisthaler

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

Asmanex Twisthaler 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.

Flovent HFA

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

Pulmicort Flexhaler

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

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.

QVAR Redihaler

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

Important Limitations of Use

Oral inhaled corticosteroids are NOT indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

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LIMIT CRITERIA

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 Months Limit*
Alvesco 80mcg** (ciclesonide)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per 6.1gm canister	3 packages (6.1gm each) / 25 days 9 packages (6.1gm each) / 75 days

Alvesco 160mcg (ciclesonide)	1-2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (640mcg)	60 inhalations per 6.1gm canister	2 packages (6.1gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (6.1gm each) / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 55mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 113mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations**	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
ArmonAir Digihaler 232mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1 inhalation twice daily	2 inhalations (464mcg)	60 inhalations per inhaler	1 package / 25 days 3 packages / 75 days
Arnuity Ellipta 50 (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** (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 (fluticasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	1 inhalation (200mcg)	30 blisters per inhaler	1 package (30 blisters) / 25 days 3 packages (30 blisters each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 50mcg (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations	120 inhalations per 13gm canister	1 package (13gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13gm each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 100mcg** (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 13gm canister	1 package (13gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13gm each) / 75 days
Asmanex HFA 200mcg (mometasone furoate)	2 inhalations twice daily	4 inhalations (800mcg)	120 inhalations per 13gm canister	1 package (13gm each) / 25 days 3 packages (13gm each) / 75 days
Asmanex Twisthaler 110mcg** (mometasone furoate)	1 inhalation once daily	2 inhalations**	30 inhalation units per package	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Asmanex Twisthaler 220mcg (mometasone furoate)	1-2 inhalations once-twice daily	4 inhalations (880mcg)	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 50mcg** (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 100mcg** (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 250mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (2000mcg)	60 blisters per device	4 packages (60 blisters each) / 25 days 12 packages (60 blisters each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 44mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	2-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm each) / 75 days
Flovent HFA 110mcg** (fluticasone propionate)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 12gm canister	2 packages (12gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12gm each) / 75 days

Flovent HFA 220mcg (fluticasone propionate)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1760mcg)	120 inhalations per 12gm canister	2 packages (12gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (12gm each) / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 90mcg** (budesonide)	2-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	60 inhalations per device	3 packages / 25 days 9 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Flexhaler 180mcg (budesonide)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (1440mcg)	120 inhalations per device	2 packages / 25 days 6 packages / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.25mg** (budesonide)	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4mL) daily	3 respules**	30 respules (2mL each) per carton	3 packages (90 respules x 2mL) / 25 days 9 packages (270 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 0.5mg (budesonide)	nebulization of 1-2 respules (2-4mL) daily	2 respules (1mg)	30 respules (2mL each) per carton	2 packages (60 respules x 2mL) / 25 days 6 packages (180 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
Pulmicort Respules 1mg (budesonide)	nebulization of 1 respule (2mL) daily	1 respule (1mg)	30 respules (2mL each) per carton	1 package (30 respules x 2mL) / 25 days 3 packages (90 respules x 2mL) / 75 days
QVAR Redihaler 40mcg** (beclomethasone)	1-3 inhalations twice daily	6 inhalations**	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm each) / 75 days
QVAR Redihaler 80mcg (beclomethasone)	1-4 inhalations twice daily	8 inhalations (640mcg)	120 inhalations per 10.6gm canister	2 packages (10.6gm each) / 25 days 6 packages (10.6gm 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.				