

Inhaler Preferred Drug List Status Changes for the Minnesota Health Care Programs Formulary – *Effective Oct. 1, 2019*

Coverage for certain inhaler products on the UCare Minnesota State Health Care Programs formulary will change on Oct. 1, 2019. This will impact the following UCare products: UCare Connect (SNBC), MinnesotaCare, Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+).

Effective Oct. 1, 2019, Advair Diskus and Ventolin HFA will become non-preferred as part of the preferred drug list (PDL).

- Preferred alternative products for Advair Diskus will include Wixela Inhub, Dulera and Symbicort.
- Preferred alternatives products for Ventolin HFA will be Albuterol Sulfate HFA (Prasco Manufacturer), Proair and Proventil.

Please note: Some changes may automatically occur at the pharmacy.

Formulary exceptions can be requested starting Oct. 1, 2019, if a switch to the preferred inhalers are not medically appropriate for a particular member. Formulary exceptions may be requested through Express Scripts by phone at 1-877-558-7523, by fax at 1-877-251-5896 or by ePA through [Express Scripts](#), [Surescripts](#), or [CoverMyMeds](#).

In September 2019, UCare will send letters to members impacted by these changes and to providers about the Advair Diskus change. Proactive review and treatment adjustments, if appropriate, can be made prior to the effective date. Communications will also be sent to network pharmacies to inform them about the upcoming change.

Questions?

If you have further questions, please call UCare's Provider Assistance Center at 612-676-3300 or 1-888-531-1493 toll free.