



**Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program**

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Dear Interested Party,

Based on recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, 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 (PDL), effective January 1, 2020:

Asthma – Quick Relief - SABA reviewed 4/18/2018		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
albuterol sulfate	albuterol sulfate nebulizer	Yes	See Apple Health PDL	Yes
	albuterol sulfate HFA aerosol	Yes		Yes
levalbuteral HCL	levalbuteral HCL nebulizer	Yes		Yes
levalbuteral tartrate	levalbuteral tartrate HFA aerosol	Yes		Yes
The effect of this recommendation is to make albuterol sulfate HFA, levalbuterol HCL, and levalbuterol tartrate HFA preferred on the WA PDL, and to make Proair HFA® non-preferred on the WA PDL.				

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. You may view the current PDL on our [website](#).

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Leta Evaskus at (206) 521-2029 or by email at leta.evaskus@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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