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RE: Upcoming product discontinuations

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Multiple branded drug products will be discontinued in the near future. Some of these products are listed as preferred on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL).

Short-Acting Beta Agonists (SABA)

The Merck Sharpe & Dohme branded Proventil® HFA (NDC 00085-1132-04) has been discontinued. The Sandoz branded Proventil® HFA (NDC 66758-0959-85) is still available at this time.

On October 1, 2022, Teva will discontinue the manufacturing of ProAir® HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol, and it will no longer be available by prescription once current inventory in the market is exhausted. Teva did indicate that they expect to have a 90-day supply on-hand after the 10/1/22 manufacturing stop date.

As of 8/31/2022, the state has decided to add Ventolin® HFA (brand only) as a preferred option to the PDL as some wholesalers are having difficulty getting brand ProAir® HFA and brand Proventil® HFA due to their impending discontinuation. However, Proair® HFA and Proventil® HFA will continue to be preferred until they are no longer available. Generic albuterol HFA will remain non-preferred on the PDL at this time.

Phosphate Removing Agents

Genzyme's branded Renage® (NDC 58468-0021-01) has been discontinued. At this time, Genzyme will continue manufacturing branded Renvela® (NDC 58468-0130-01). Therefore, the branded Renvela®, calcium acetate capsules, and calcium acetate tablets will remain preferred options on the PDL. Generic sevelamer HCl will remain non-preferred on the PDL at this time.

For any PDL questions, contact the Magellan Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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