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Pharmacy Update – Change in Coverage for Brand Serevent® Diskus® 50 mcg/dose

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is committed to providing subscribers access to safe, effective and cost-effective pharmacy care.

Effective October 1, 2018, brand Serevent® Diskus® (salmeterol xinafoate) will become a non-formulary medication for the Blue Cross formulary. Striverdi® Respimat® (olodaterol inhalation spray) is the therapeutic alternative and will be added to the formulary for the treatment of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Striverdi® Respimat® will be available on the Blue Plus formulary as a treatment option for COPD on October 1, 2018.

Blue Cross will allow transition fills for Serevent® Diskus® to occur until November 30, 2018, allowing providers sufficient time to transition patients to Striverdi® Respimat®. Beginning December 1, 2018, pharmacy claims submitted for subscribers currently utilizing Serevent® Diskus® will begin to reject at the point-of-sale (POS) as a non-formulary drug and will be subject to both formulary exception and quantity limit. Pharmacy claims submitted for this drug will reject at the POS as a non-formulary drug starting October 1, 2018 for subscribers who are not currently prescribed Serevent® Diskus®.

Non-Formulary Medication	Formulary Medications
Serevent® Diskus® 50 mcg/dose	Striverdi® Respimat® 2.5 mcg/act

Products Impacted

This notice applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Additional Information

Impacted subscribers will be notified of this formulary change. Please facilitate this formulary change by providing them with a new prescription for Striverdi® Respimat®.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.

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