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Commercial Pharmacy Benefit Exclusion for Budesonide-Formoterol Aerosol Inhaler and Tiotropium Bromide Inhalation Capsule

Effective October 15, 2023, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) does not cover these medications under the pharmacy benefit. Members must use a medication alternative that is covered under the pharmacy benefit plan or pay full price for use of the medication. A summary of the excluded medications and preferred formulary alternatives can be found below.

Excluded Medications	Preferred Formulary Alternatives
Breyna™ (budesonide-formoterol fumarate dihydrate) aerosol inhaler - 80-4.5 mcg/act; 160-4.5 mcg/act (generic of Symbicort)	Symbicort® (budesonide-formoterol fumarate dihydrate) aerosol inhaler - 80-4.5 mcg/act; 160-4.5 mcg/act
tiotropium bromide monohydrate inhalation capsule - 18 mcg (generic of Spiriva)	Spiriva® Handihaler (tiotropium bromide monohydrate) inhalation capsule - 18 mcg

Products Impacted

These exclusions apply to the commercial lines of business.

Questions?

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