



Attention Pharmacy Providers- Important Information Regarding Drug Shortages **as of 4/30/20**

Updates are highlighted

Due to reported market shortages and allocation constraints, Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) has relaxed prior authorization for certain drug(s)/drug classes to ensure access to necessary medications during the Declared Disaster Emergency in NY.

- ProAir HFA is a preferred product in the Inhaled Short-Acting Beta2 Adrenergic Therapeutic Class. If this product is not available, the following drugs are available without PA:
 - albuterol HFA, levalbuterol HFA, ProAir Digihaler & RespiClick, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA and Xopenex HFA (change made effective 3/19/20)
- Generic azithromycin tablets are preferred over the brand products per substitution law. If this product is not available, the following brand drugs are available without PA.
 - Zithromax 250mg & 500mg tablets, Zithromax 1gm packet and Zithromax 100mg & 200mg suspensions (change made effective 4/1/20)

The following change has been made since market availability of Flovent HFA (the preferred HFA product in the Inhaled Corticosteroids Therapeutic Class) has been restored.

- **Asmanex HFA requires PA (change made effective 5/1/20)**

This information has also been communicated to the Medicaid Managed Care plans. For specific [Medicaid Managed Care plan](#) formulary questions please contact the specific plan.

For any questions on Medicaid FFS Pharmacy guidance, please contact our mailbox at: ppno@health.ny.gov.