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ProAir Manufacturer Discontinuation

On Oct. 1, 2022, ProAir® HFA inhalation aerosol was discontinued by the manufacturer. Ventolin® HFA shifted from non-preferred to preferred on the preferred Drug List (PDL) effective Sept. 23, 2022.

Claims for ProAir® HFA will continue to pay as a preferred drug to allow pharmacies to dispense existing stock. An approximate 90-day supply of ProAir® HFA is expected to remain after the discontinuation date, per the manufacturer. The generic albuterol inhalers on the PDL will remain non-preferred.

It is the recommendation of the State, regardless of refill status of ProAir® HFA, that providers proactively seek a prescription for Ventolin® HFA to reduce any delays in patient access.

Attn: Immunizing Pharmacists Vaccine Immunization Claims Can Be Submitted on Pharmacy Claims for NC Medicaid Direct Beneficiaries

Effective Dec. 1, 2022, pharmacy providers who administer immunizations at their pharmacies will be allowed to bill NC Medicaid Direct for vaccines on **pharmacy claims**. Immunizing pharmacists are not required to submit vaccine administration claims on medical 837P or CMS 1500 form, but this will remain an option for immunizing pharmacists who wish to do so.

An immunizing pharmacist shall administer only those vaccines or immunizations permitted by G.S. 90-85.15B and shall do so subject to all requirements of that statute and the [NC Board of Pharmacy](#) rules.

In 2016, the Department of Public Health prohibited pharmacies from participating in the Vaccine for Children program, hence Medicaid only reimburses vaccinations by pharmacist immunizers to Medicaid beneficiaries 19 years of age and older (exception is made for COVID-19 vaccines as set forth by the [9th amendment to the PREP act](#) for the duration of its effect, also found at [Federal Emergency PREP Act](#)).

Claims will deny if the beneficiary is less than 19 years of age unless the claim is pre-approved for pharmacy administration reimbursement OR if the vaccine administered is unapproved for administration by a pharmacy immunizer.

Reimbursement rates for vaccines will be WAC+3%, and will be listed on the [Outpatient Pharmacy](#) webpage, under the Reimbursement section.

CPT codes for administration of a vaccine will not be required on the pharmacy claim. Vaccine administration rates will be added to the reimbursement amount of the vaccine and will be reflected on the response transaction

Administration rates for pharmacy immunizations will remain the same as for all other NC Medicaid recognized medical providers and can be found on the [Physician Fee Schedule](#):

- Administration rate for beneficiaries younger than 21 years is \$20.45
- Administration rate for beneficiaries 21 or older is \$13.30

- Administration rate for COVID-19 vaccinations for beneficiaries 3 years and older is \$65.00

Additional information for vaccine administration on pharmacy claims:

- Providers shall bill with the 11-digit vaccine NDC associated with the product administered (best practice is to use the NDC closest to the drug administered)
- Providers shall bill their usual and customary charge for non-340B drugs
- Providers shall bill their actual acquisition charge for 340B drugs in the U&C field
- Dispensing fee will NOT be paid on pharmacy claims for immunization administration
- Claims for vaccines shall be copay exempt
- Vaccine claims submitted by the I/T/U provider will not be reimbursed the OMB Encounter rate (flat rate)
- A delivery fee will not be paid on claims for vaccines
- Vaccine claims with dates of service before Dec. 1, 2022, cannot be submitted as pharmacy claims with NC Medicaid Direct

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Preferred Brands with Non-Preferred Generics on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) Current as of Nov. 30, 2022

Brand Name	Generic Name
Actiq 1200 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 1200 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 1600 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 1600 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 200 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 200 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 400 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 400 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 600 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 600 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 800 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 800 mcg Lozenges
Adderall XR 10 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 10 mg
Adderall XR 15 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 15 mg
Adderall XR 20 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 20 mg
Adderall XR 25 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 25 mg
Adderall XR 30 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 30 mg
Adderall XR 5 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 5 mg
Advair 100-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 100-50
Advair 250-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 250-50
Advair 500-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 500-50
Alphagan P 0.15% Drops	Brimonidine P 0.15% Drops
Amitiza 24 mcg Capsule	Lubiprostone 24 mcg Capsule
Amitiza 8 mcg Capsule	Lubiprostone 8 mcg Capsule
Androgel Pump	Testosterone Gel Pump
Apriso ER 0.375 Gram Capsule	Mesalamine 0.375 mg Capsule

Aptensio XR 10mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 10 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 15mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 15 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 20mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 20 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 30mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 30 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 40mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 40 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 50mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 50 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 60mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 60 mg Capsule
Banzel 200 mg Tablet	Rufinamide 200 mg Tablet
Banzel 40 mg/ml Suspension	Rufinamide 40 mg/ml Suspension
Banzel 400 mg Tablet	Rufinamide 400 mg Tablet
Bethkis 300 mg/4 ml Ampule	Tobramycin Solution 300 mg/4 ml Ampule
BiDil 20mg-37.5mg Tablet	Isosorbide DN 20mg/Hydralazine 37.5mg
Butrans 10 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 10 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 15 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 15 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 20 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 20 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 5 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 5 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 7.5 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 7.5 mcg/hr Patch
Canasa 1,000 mg Suppository	Mesalamine 1,000 mg Suppository
Cipro 10% Suspension	Ciprofloxacin 500 mg/5 ml Suspension
Cipro 5% Suspension	Ciprofloxacin 250 mg/5 ml Suspension
Ciprodex Otic Suspension	Ciprofloxacin/Dexamethasone Suspension
Clobex 0.005% Shampoo	Clobetasol 0.005% Shampoo
Combigan 0.2%-0.5% Eye Drops	Brimonidine-Timolol 0.2%-0.5%
Concerta 18 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 18 mg
Concerta 27 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 27 mg
Concerta 36 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 36 mg
Concerta 54 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 54 mg
Copaxone 20 mg/ml Syr	Glatiramer 20 mg/ml Syr
Copaxone 40 mg/ml Syr	Glatiramer 40 mg/ml Syr
Daytrana 10 mg/9 hr Patch	Methylphenidate 10 mg/9 hr Patch
Daytrana 15 mg/9 hr Patch	Methylphenidate 15 mg/9 hr Patch
Daytrana 20 mg/9 hr Patch	Methylphenidate 20 mg/9 hr Patch
Daytrana 30 mg/9 hr Patch	Methylphenidate 30 mg/9 hr Patch
Derma-Smoothe-FS Body Oil	Fluocinolone 0.01% Body Oil
Derma-Smoothe-FS Scalp Oil	Fluocinolone 0.01% Scalp Oil
Dermotic Otic Drops	Fluocinolone 0.01% Otic Drops
Diclegis 10-10 DR	Doxylamine Succinate/Pyridoxine HCL 10-10 DR
Differin 0.1% Cream	Adapalene 0.1% Cream
Differin 0.3% Gel Pump	Adapalene 0.3% Gel Pump
Dovonex 0.005% Cream	Calcipotriene 0.005% Cream
Durezol 0.05% Eye Drops	Difluprednate 0.05% Eye Drops

E.E.S 200 mg/5 ml	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 200 mg/5 ml
Elidel 1% Cream	Pimecrolimus 1% Cream
Epiduo Forte 0.3-2.5% Gel Pump	Adapalene-Bnzyl Perox 0.3-2.5%
EpiPen 0.3 mg Auto-Injector	Epinephrine 0.3 mg Auto-Inject
EpiPen Jr 0.15 mg Auto-Injector	Epinephrine 0.15 mg Auto-Inject
EryPed 200 mg/5 ml Suspension	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 200 mg/5 ml
EryPed 400 mg/5 ml Suspension	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 400 mg/5 ml
Exelon 13.3 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 13.3 mg/24 hr Patch
Exelon 4.6 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 4.6 mg/24 hr Patch
Exelon 9.5 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 9.5 mg/24 hr Patch
Flovent HFA 110 mcg Inhaler	Fluticasone Prop HFA 110 mcg Inhaler
Flovent HFA 220 mcg Inhaler	Fluticasone Prop HFA 200 mcg Inhaler
Flovent HFA 44 mcg Inhaler	Fluticasone Prop HFA 44 mcg Inhaler
Focalin 10 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 10 mg
Focalin 2.5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 2.5 mg
Focalin 5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 5 mg
Focalin XR 10 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 10 mg
Focalin XR 15 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 15 mg
Focalin XR 20 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 20 mg
Focalin XR 25 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 25 mg
Focalin XR 30 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 30 mg
Focalin XR 35 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 35 mg
Focalin XR 40 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 40 mg
Focalin XR 5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 5 mg
Gabitril 12 mg	Tiagabine 12 mg
Gabitril 16 mg	Tiagabine 16 mg
Gabitril 2 mg	Tiagabine 2 mg
Gabitril 4 mg	Tiagabine 4 mg
Humalog Kwikpen Mix 75-25	Insulin Lispro Mix 75-25
Invega ER 1.5 mg tablet	Paliperidone ER 1.5 mg tablet
Invega ER 3 mg tablet	Paliperidone ER 3 mg tablet
Invega ER 6 mg tablet	Paliperidone ER 6 mg tablet
Invega ER 9 mg tablet	Paliperidone ER 9 mg tablet
Kitabis Pak 300 mg/5 ml	Tobramycin Pak 300 mg/5 ml
Lantus 100 Unit/ml	Insulin Glargine U-100
Lantus Solostar 100 unit/ml	Insulin Glargine Solostar U-100
Letairis 10 mg Tablet	Ambrisentan 10 mg Tablet
Letairis 5 mg Tablet	Ambrisentan 5 mg Tablet
Lialda 1.2 gm Tablet	Mesalamine 1.2 gm Tablet
Lotemax 0.5% Eye Drops	Loteprednol 0.5% Eye Drops
Methylin 10 mg/5 ml Solution	Methylphenidate 10 mg/5 ml Solution
Methylin 5 mg/5 ml Solution	Methylphenidate 5 mg/5 ml Solution

MetroCream 0.75% Cream	Metronidazole 0.75% Cream
Metrogel Topical 1% Gel	Metronidazole Topical 1% Gel
Natroba 0.9% Topical Susp	Spinosad 0.9% Topical Susp
Nexium DR 10 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 10 mg Packet
Nexium DR 20 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 20 mg Packet
Nexium DR 40 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 40 mg Packet
Novolog 100 U Vial	Insulin Aspart 100 U Vial
Novolog 100 U/ml Cartridge	Insulin Aspart 100 U/ml Cartridge
Novolog 100 U/ml FlexPen	Insulin Aspart 100 U/ml Pen
Nuvigil 150 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 150 mg tabs
Nuvigil 200 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 200 mg tabs
Nuvigil 250 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 250 mg tabs
Nuvigil 50 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 50 mg tabs
OxyContin ER 10mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 10mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 15mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 15mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 20mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 20mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 30mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 30mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 40mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 40mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 60mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 60mg Tablet
OxyContin ER 80mg Tablet	Oxycodone ER 80mg Tablet
Pradaxa 150 mg	Dabigatran 150 mg
Pradaxa 75 mg	Dabigatran 75mg
ProAir HFA Inhaler	Albuterol HFA Inhaler
Protonix 40 mg Suspension	Pantoprazole 40 mg Suspension
Provigil 100 mg	Modafinil 100 mg
Provigil 200 mg	Modafinil 200 mg
Renvela 800 mg Tablet	Sevelamer Carbonate 800 mg Tablet
Restasis 0.05% Eye Emulsion	Cyclosporine 0.05% Eye Emulsion
Retin-A 0.025% Cream	Tretinoin 0.025% Cream
Retin-A 0.05% Cream	Tretinoin 0.05% Cream
Retin-A 0.1% Cream	Tretinoin 0.1% Cream
Retin-A Gel 0.01%	Tretinoin Gel 0.01%
Retin-A Gel 0.025%	Tretinoin Gel 0.025%
Retin-A Micro 0.04% Gel	Tretinoin Micro 0.04% Gel
Retin-A Micro 0.1% Gel	Tretinoin Micro 0.1% Gel
Retin-A Micro Pump 0.04% Gel	Tretinoin Micro Pump 0.04% Gel
Retin-A Micro Pump 0.1% Gel	Tretinoin Micro Pump 0.1% Gel
Sabril 500 mg Powder Packet	Vigabatrin 500 mg Powder Packet
Sabril 500 mg Tablet	Vigabatrin 500 mg Tablet
Saphris 10 mg Tab Sublingual	Asenapine 10 mg Tablet SL
Saphris 2.5 mg Tab Sublingual	Asenapine 2.5 mg Tablet SL
Saphris 5 mg Tab Sublingual	Asenapine 5 mg Tablet SL
Suboxone 12-3 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 12-3 mg Film

Suboxone 2-0.5 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2-0.5 mg Film
Suboxone 4-1 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 4-1 mg Film
Suboxone 8 mg-2 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8mg-2mg Film
Symbicort 160-4.5 mcg Inhaler	Budesonide-Formoterol 160-4.5 mcg Inhaler
Symbicort 80-4.5 mcg Inhaler	Budesonide-Formoterol 80-4.5 mcg Inhaler
Symbyax 3-25	Olanzapine-fluoxetine 3-25
Symbyax 6-25	Olanzapine-fluoxetine 6-25
Tegretol 100 mg/5 ml Susp	Carbamazepine 100 mg/5 ml Susp
Tegretol 200 mg Tab	Carbamazepine 200 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 100 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 100 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 200 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 200 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 400 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 400 mg Tab
Tekturna 150 mg Tablet	Aliskiren 150 mg Tablet
Tekturna 300 mg Tablet	Aliskiren 300 mg Tablet
TobraDex Eye Drops	Tobramycin-Dexamethasone Drops
Toviaz ER 4 mg Tablet	Fesoterodine 4 mg Tablet
Toviaz ER 8 mg Tablet	Fesoterodine 8 mg Tablet
Tracleer 125 mg Tablet	Bosentan 125 mg tablet
Tracleer 62.5 mg Tablet	Bosentan 62.5 mg tablet
Transderm-Scop 1.5 mg/3 day	Scopolamine 1 mg/3 Day Patch
Travatan Z 0.004% Eye Drop	Travoprost 0.004% Eye Drop
Vagifem 10 mcg Vaginal Tab	Estradiol 10 mcg Vaginal Insert
Vimpat 10 mg/ml Solution	Lacosamide 10 mg/ml Solution
Vimpat 100 mg Tablet	Lacosamide 100 mg Tablet
Vimpat 150 mg Tablet	Lacosamide 150 mg Tablet
Vimpat 200 mg Tablet	Lacosamide 200 mg Tablet
Vimpat 50 mg Tablet	Lacosamide 50 mg Tablet
Zovirax 5% Cream	Acyclovir 5% Cream

As a reminder, if a brand is preferred with a non-preferred generic equivalent, “medically necessary” is NOT needed on the face of the prescription in order for the brand product to be covered. Claims for preferred brands with non-preferred generics will be reimbursed with a generic product dispensing fee. Claims for preferred brands with no generic or preferred brands with preferred generics will be reimbursed with a brand dispensing fee.

When a PDL class has a preferred brand with a non-preferred generic, providers requesting prior approval for the non-preferred generic should give a clinical reason why the beneficiary cannot use the brand.

72-Hour Emergency Supply Available for Pharmacy Prior Authorization Drugs

Pharmacy providers are encouraged to use the 72-hour emergency supply allowed for drugs requiring prior approval. **Federal law requires that this emergency supply be available to Medicaid beneficiaries for drugs requiring prior approval** (Social Security Act, Section 1927,

[42 U.S.C. 1396r-8\(d\)\(5\)\(B\)](#)). Use of this emergency supply will ensure access to medically necessary medications.

The system will bypass the prior approval requirement if an emergency supply is indicated. **Use a “3” in the Level of Service field (418-DI) to indicate that the transaction is an emergency fill.**

Note: Copayments will apply and only the drug cost will be reimbursed. There is no limit to the number of times the emergency supply can be used.

Checkwrite Schedule for January 2023

Electronic Cutoff Schedule	Checkwrite Date
Dec. 29, 2022	Jan. 4, 2023
Jan. 5, 2023	Jan. 10, 2023
Jan. 12, 2023	Jan. 18, 2023
Jan. 19, 2023	Jan. 24, 2023
Jan. 26, 2023	Jan. 31, 2023

POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the electronic cutoff date to be included in the next checkwrite.

The 2022 checkwrite schedules for both NC Medicaid and DMH/DPH/ORH can be found under the Quick Links on the right side of the [NCTracks Provider Portal](#) home page.

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