

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**Change in Preferred Drug List Status for the Bronchodilators,
Beta Agonist, Effective October 31**

Background:

HHSC is aware of a drug shortage for the brand name Xopenex inhalation solution in the Bronchodilators, Beta Agonist drug class due to a manufacturer shutdown and therefore discontinuation of the product. HHSC received reports of these issues from MCOs, which are verified by the manufacturers.

Key Details:

In response to the shortage of the preferred brand name product Xopenex inhalation solution, HHSC removed the non-preferred status from the generic levalbuterol inhalation solution products on the preferred drug list (PDL). The preferred status of the brand name Xopenex inhalation solution products (NDCs: 17478-0172-24, 17478-0173-24, 17478-0174-24) will not change to allow for any existing stock available to be utilized.

To allow providers to prescribe the generic levalbuterol inhalation solution without requiring a PDL prior authorization and continue accessing necessary medication for clients, HHSC removed the non-preferred status for levalbuterol inhalation products in the attached document effective Oct. 31.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas will make this change by Nov. 3, 2023.

Questions?

Please contact UnitedHealthcare Customer Service at 888-887-9003, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. CT, Monday–Friday.

NDC	Drug Name
00093414556	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
00093414656	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
00093414756	LEVALBUTEROL CONC 1.25 MG/0.5
00093414856	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
00115993078	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
00115993178	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
00115993278	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
00378699393	LEVALBUTEROL CONC 1.25 MG/0.5
00378969052	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
00378969152	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
00378969252	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
35573044325	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
35573044425	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
35573044525	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
47335074349	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
47335074649	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
47335075349	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
65862094324	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
65862094424	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
65862094524	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
76204070001	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL

NDC	Drug Name
76204070025	LEVALBUTEROL 0.31 MG/3 ML SOL
76204080001	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
76204080025	LEVALBUTEROL 0.63 MG/3 ML SOL
76204090001	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL
76204090025	LEVALBUTEROL 1.25 MG/3 ML SOL