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Dear Valued Member:

Our records indicate that you or a member of your family have received a prescription for a Albuterol Inhaler in the past 180 days.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has now mandated that these CFC-based quick-relief inhalers be removed from the market by 2009. Patients currently using CFC inhalers will need to transition prior to the ban date to environmentally-friendly hydrofluoroalkane-based (HFA) quick-relief inhalers.

The medicine in your quick-relief asthma inhaler is staying the same, but the chemical used to "propel" the medicine out of the inhaler is changing. Talk to your doctor to transition now.

Your current inhaler may use CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), which are harmful to the Earth's ozone layer. The government is requiring all inhalers to use HFA (hydrofluoroalkane) as a safe, effective, and environmentally-friendly alternative.

It is important to speak to your doctor as soon as possible about making the transition to an HFA-propelled asthma inhaler.

Your health plan currently covers the following Albuterol HFA inhalers.

Brand Co-Payment
ProAir HFA®
Proventil HFA®
Ventolin HFA®

Sincerely,

Clinical Management Team