



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: July 29, 2016

Subject: Important Pharmacy Change – Spiriva 18 Mcg Cp-Handihaler Removal from Formulary

Summary: Effective August 1, 2016, Spiriva 18 Mcg Cp-Handihaler will be removed from the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Formulary.

The following product will be removed from the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Formulary. An alternative product is listed for your convenience:

Formulary Removal	Formulary Alternative
Spiriva 18 Mcg Cp-Handihaler	Spiriva Respimat 1.25mcg/Spiriva Respimat 2.5mcg

Spiriva Respimat dispenses the medication in a fine mist which allows for better lung penetration in your COPD patients. It is designed to deliver the medication more consistently and independent of inhalation volume.

What you need to do:

By August 1, 2016:

- Write a new prescription for the formulary alternative product, if clinically appropriate, for your AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana patients currently receiving the medication listed above under “Formulary Removal”.
- If it is not clinically-appropriate to switch an AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana patient to the formulary alternative, you will need to request prior authorization for the patient to continue to receive coverage for the non-formulary medication.

What we are doing:

Written notification has been sent to members regarding this update.

Questions:

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.