

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network ending the COVID-19 anti-stockpiling quantity limits on April 1, 2021

On April 1, 2021, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will end temporary anti-stockpiling quantity limits on select medications used to treat COVID-19 symptoms.

We adopted temporary quantity limits in April 2020 on select medications to prevent unnecessary stockpiling during the COVID-19 public health crisis and to ensure access for members who need these medications to treat their chronic conditions. This was announced in an April 30, 2020 provider alert.

Quantity limits will return to what they were prior to the temporary COVID-19 policy, with the exception of those for albuterol inhalers. We previously covered four albuterol inhalers per 30 days. Effective April 1, we'll cover two inhalers per 30 days. This change is not related to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Please consult the *Temporary quantity limits on some prescription drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic* document for more information, including instructions on how to request a quantity limit waiver if you have a patient that needs to exceed the albuterol inhaler limit.

This change has also been reflected in the *Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic* document on our coronavirus webpage, which is available through Provider Secured Services and on our public website at bcbsm.com/coronavirus (click the *Health Care Providers* tab).