

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

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Subject: Prescribing a second albuterol inhaler and/or nebulizer for school use

**Summary:** AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (DC) members 18 years of age and younger may now have a second albuterol inhaler and/or nebulizer for school use. Please read the full notice for additional details.

## Impact:

In February 2015, AmeriHealth Caritas DC implemented a new benefit that allowed members less than 18 years of age to receive a second albuterol inhaler for school use. Effective immediately, members now have this same benefit for a second nebulizer for school use. Both prescriptions may be filled on the same day; please see below for recommendation on writing two separate prescriptions.

## **Action Needed:**

To differentiate between the "school inhaler/nebulizer" and the "home inhaler/nebulizer", we are requesting that providers write two separate prescriptions: one prescription for home use, which may have refills, and a second prescription with no refills to serve as the school supply.

## **Questions:**

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your AmeriHealth Caritas DC Provider Account Executive or Provider Services at 1-202-408-2237 or 1-888-656-2383.