

Medicare Part B Billing Guide: Respiratory Drugs

Medicare has an established maximum allowed quantity per month on respiratory medication dispenses. Medicare will **not** make payment on dispensed quantities that exceed the maximum allowed amount.

CVS' Medicare Part B Billing Vendor, OmniSYS, will return the **"QQ – ABN Required"** rejection on respiratory prescriptions that exceed Medicare's standard utilization guidelines. For additional information on the ABN workflow, please review the [ABN Job Aid](#).

Pharmacies should **never** manipulate quantities and their associated day supplies to bypass the QQ rejection and/or ABN prompts. Quantities and day supplies should **always** be entered accurately based on the prescription hardcopy. Manipulation of quantity and day supply is subject to CMS Fraud Waste and Abuse regulations and can result in personal fines and revocation of a pharmacies provider status for Medicare.

The following tables provide the **maximum allowable quantity**, per month, of inhalation drugs that are considered reasonable and necessary by the Medicare Part B plan.

Drug Name	Maximum QTY per 30 days
Acetylcysteine	
Acetylcysteine 10% vial (100mg/ml)	740 ml
Acetylcysteine 20% vial (200mg/ml)	370 ml
Acetylcysteine 6 gram/30 ml vl	370 ml
Albuterol	
Albuterol sul 0.63 mg/3 ml sol	1,800 ml
Albuterol sul 1.25 mg/3 ml sol	1,080 ml
Albuterol sul 2.5 mg/3 ml soln	540 ml
Albuterol 2.5 mg/0.5 ml sol	90 ml
Albuterol 5 mg/ml solution	90 ml
Albuterol/Ipratropium Combination	
Duoneb 0.5 mg-3 mg/3 ml soln	540 ml
Duoneb 2.5-0.5 mg/3 ml soln	540 ml
Arformoterol	
Arformoterol 15 mcg/2 ml soln	120 ml
Brovana 15 mcg/2 ml solution	120 ml
Budesonide	
Budesonide 0.25 mg/2 ml susp	120 ml
Budesonide 0.5 mg/2 ml susp	120 ml
Pulmicort 0.5 mg/2 ml respule	120 ml
Budesonide 1 mg/2 ml inh susp	60 ml
Pulmicort 1 mg/2 ml respule	60 ml
Cromolyn Sodium	
Comolyn 20 mg/2 ml neb soln	248 ml
Dornase Alpha	
Pulmozyme 1 mg/ml ampul	75 ml

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Formoterol	
Formoterol 20 mcg/2 ml neb v1	120 ml
Perforomist 20 mcg/2 ml soln	120 ml
Ipratropium Bromide	
Ipratropium Bromide .5mg/2.5ml	465ml
Levalbuterol	
Levalbuterol 0.31 mg/3 ml sol	2,250 ml
Levalbuterol 0.63 mg/3 ml sol	1,107 ml
Xopenex 0.63 mg/3 ml solution	1,107 ml
Levalbuterol 1.25 mg/3 ml sol	558 ml
Xopenex 1.25 mg/3 ml solution	558 ml
Levalbuterol conc 1.25 mg/0.5	93 ml
Xopenex conc 1.25 mg/0.5 ml	93 ml
Pentamidine	
Pentamidine 300 mg inhal powdr	1 each
Revefenacin	
Yupelri 175 mcg/3 ml solution	90 ml
Sterile Saline or Water	
Sterile saline or water, 10ml/unit (A4216, A4218)	560 ml

When Albuterol, Levalbuterol, or Metaproterenol are prescribed for patients who are also taking Formoterol or Arformoterol, the maximum quantities allowed of these drugs are **reduced**.

Drug Name	RxConnect Max QTY per 30 days
Albuterol	
Albuterol sul 0.63 mg/3 ml sol	300 ml
Albuterol sul 1.25 mg/3 ml sol	180 ml
Albuterol sul 2.5 mg/3 ml soln	90 ml
Albuterol 2.5 mg/0.5 ml sol	15 ml
Albuterol 5 mg/ml solution	15 ml
Albuterol/Ipratropium Combination	
IPRAT-ALBUT 0.5 mg-3 mg/3 ml soln	90 ml
IPRAT-ALBUT 2.5-0.5 mg/3 ml soln	90 ml
Levalbuterol	
Levalbuterol 0.31 mg/3 ml sol	377 ml
Levalbuterol 0.63 mg/3 ml sol	185 ml
Xopenex 0.63 mg/3 ml solution	185 ml
Levalbuterol 1.25 mg/3 ml sol	93 ml
Xopenex 1.25 mg/3 ml solution	93 ml
Levalbuterol conc 1.25 mg/0.5ml	15 ml
Xopenex conc 1.25 mg/0.5 ml	15 ml