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## ALBUTEROL UPDATE

Dear Valued Customer,

Metered dose inhalers are small, pressurized aerosol devices that deliver a measured dose of a drug from a canister into the mouth for inhalation into the lungs. The drug most commonly used inhaler is Albuterol.

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) have been the propellants in metered dose inhalers used by people with asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis to prevent and ease spasms. But CFCs damage the stratospheric ozone, which shields the Earth from the Sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

Albuterol metered-dose inhalers have been using trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11) and dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12) as propellants. Both of the alternative products have replaced these with the hydrofluoroalkane HFA-134a as a propellant, which is an inert gas that does not affect stratospheric ozone.

We will be stocking the Albuterol containing the HFA propellant, and due to the large increase in price especially on our Albuterol generic brand, all albuterols ordered under the old NSN 6505-01-238-4243 have been cancelled. Please call us to reorder the new Albuterol HFA generic.

**Proventil®** Brand old NSN 6505-01-116-9245 is now under 6505-01-538-2871 for \$24.55

**Ventolin®** brand is under 6505-00-000-6814 for \$22.24

**Albuterol Generic** old NSN 6505-01-238-4243 is now under 6505-00-000-7167 for \$21.31

We thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you'd like to place your order or require further information please contact our Customer service line at 1-800-642-0263.

Steven Pearson