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Dear University of Arkansas Member,

In an effort to provide appropriate, affordable health care options while managing drug costs, the University of Arkansas prescription drug plan will move Alvesco (ciclesonide inhaler) to 100% copay status effective **June 1, 2018**. As a result, you may see your copay increase. We suggest you speak with your physician about lower-cost alternatives (including over-the-counter) and the therapy most appropriate for your care.

Alvesco is among a family of inhaled steroids, used for controlling asthma symptoms, however, there are alternatives which are also effective and less expensive for you and your drug plan. Here are the alternatives and their corresponding tiers at which they are covered:

Generic Name	Brand Name	Requirements	Tier
Budesonide	Pulmicort	Quantity limit.	1
Beclomethasone	QVAR	Quantity limit	2
Fluticasone	Arnuity ellipta	Quantity limit	3
Fluticasone	Flovent Discus	Quantity limit	2
Fluticasone	Flovent HFA	Quantity limit	2
Budesonide	Pulmicort Flexhaler	Quantity limit	2
Mometasone	Asmanex	Step therapy required first before access to Asmanex; also quantity limit	3
Mometasone	Asmanex HFA	Step therapy required first before access to Asmanex; also quantity limit	2

The above change to your prescription drug plan is directed by the University of Arkansas Pharmacy Advisory Committee, who strive to maintain affordable and appropriate healthcare benefits.

If you have questions, please contact MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc. at 1-800-788-2949.

Sincerely,

MedImpact and the University of Arkansas Pharmacy Advisory Committee

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