INHALED CONTROLLER MEDICATIONS MaineHealth FDA Age Medication Name **Medication Class** Recommendation **Doses-Strenaths** Comments 250mcg per inhalation Aerobid (flunisolide) CFC Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 6 and older Shake 5 seconds (100 doses) 80mcg and 160mcg No shaking required; 3 primes to start and reprime after 10 days Alvesco (ciclesonide) HFA Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 12 and older per inhalation without use. Dose indicator in increments of 10 (60) doses 110mcg and 220mcg per actuation Breath actuated device with dose counter; may be given once Asmanex (mometasone) DPI* Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 4-11. 12 and older (14, 30, 60, or 120 doses) daily in PM (110 dose FDA approved for 4-11 yrs) 100mcg per inhalation Azmacort (triamcinolone) HFA Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) Shake 5 sec.: 2 primes to start: reprime after 3 days without use 6 and older (240 doses) Diskus device like Advair, but without serevent; comes in only 50mcg per dose Flovent (fluticasone) DPI* Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 4 and older (60 doses) one strength 44mcg, 110mcg, 220mcg per Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; after 7 days without use, or if actuation dropped, reprime once; Inhaler, often used with spacer (44-Flovent (fluticasone) HFA Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 4 and older (120 doses) 88mcg BID FDA approved for 4-11 yrs); has dose counter. 90mcg per dose Pulmicort (budesonide) DPI* (60 doses): New Flexhaler (breath actuated device); has dose counter; twist Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 6 and older Flexhaler 180mcg per dose to prime in upright position; two primes to start. (120 doses) 12 months to 0.25mg, 0.5mg or 1.0mg per unit Deliver with closed system mask if < 3 yrs; mask with holes or Pulmicort (budesonide) Respules Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 8 years of age mouth piece if ≥ 3 yrs. Does not require shaking; 2 primes to start, reprime after 10 40mcg or 80mcg per actuation days. Inhaler, recommended to be used without spacer (80mcg QVAR (beclomethasone) HFA Inhaled Corticosteroid (ICS) 5 and older (100 doses) BID is FDA max. for 5-11 yrs) 100/50mcg, 250/50, 500/50 per Advair (fluticasone and salmeterol) ICS and long-acting beta₂-No priming; don't tip once loaded; twice daily dosage (100/50 is 4 and older inhalation FDA approved for 4-11 yrs old) agonist (60 doses) 45/21mcg,115/21, 230/21 per Advair (fluticasone and salmeterol) ICS and long-acting beta₂-Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; if dropped, or 4 weeks without 12 and older inhalation use, 2 test sprays; twice daily dosage agonist (120 doses) 80/4.5mcg, 160/4.5mcg per Symbicort (budesonide and ICS and long-acting beta₂-Shake 5 sec.; 2 primes to start, again after 7 days without use; inhalation 12 and older

(120 doses) 50mcg per dose

(60 doses)
12mcg per capsule

15mcg

(72 or 360 capsules)

(5, 30, or 90 capsules)

(30 or 60 doses)
18mcg per capsule

twice daily dosage

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Once daily: should avoid use with Combivent or Duoneb

formoterol) HFA

Serevent (salmeterol) DPI*

Foradil (formoterol) DPI*

Spiriva (tiotropium)*

Contains lactose

Brovana (arformoterol) nebulized

agonist

Long-acting beta₂-agonist

Long-acting beta,-agonist

Long-acting beta,-agonist

acting bronchodilator

Anticholinergic: acts as a long-

4 and older

5 and older

COPD diagnosis only

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INHALED QUICK RELIEF MEDICATIONS **MaineHealth FDA Age** Recommendation **Medication Name Medication Class Doses-Strengths** Comments 0.63 mg albuterol/3ml AccuNeb (albuterol for nebulization) Short-acting beta,-agonist 2-12 years of age Pre-mixed unit dose (3ml) 1.25 mg albuterol/3ml 90mcg per inhalation Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; reprime after 4 weeks without Albuterol CFC Short-acting beta₂-agonist 4 and older (200 doses) Albuterol Nebulized 0.083% 2.5mg albuterol/3ml Pre-mixed unit dose (3ml) Short-acting beta₂-agonist 2 and older 0.25cc-0.5cc can be added to 2-3 Short-acting beta2-agonist for Albuterol Nebulized 0.5% 2 and older cc saline solution for inhalation, Supplied as 20 ml dropper bottle nebulization then nebulized 200 mcg per inhalation Shake 5 sec.; 2 primes to start; 2 primes after 2 days without Maxair (pirbuterol) CFC Short-acting beta₂-agonist 12 and older (400 doses) use: no spacer needed Shake 5 sec.; 3 primes to start; reprime after 14 days without 90mcg per inhalation ProAir (albuterol sulfate) HFA Short-acting beta₂-agonist 4 and older (200 doses) 90mcg per inhalation Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; reprime after 2 weeks without Proventil (albuterol sulfate) HFA Short-acting beta₂-agonist 4 and older (200 doses) 90mcg per inhalation Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; reprime if dropped or after 2 Ventolin (albuterol sulfate) HFA Short-acting beta₂-agonist 4 and older (60 and 200 doses) weeks without use; has a dose counter 45 mcg per inhalation Shake 5 sec.; 4 primes to start; 4 primes after 3 days without Short-acting beta₂-agonist Xopenex (levalbuterol) HFA 4 and older (200 doses) use 6-11yrs=0.31mg; Unit dose for nebulization; needs no mixing Xopenex Nebulized (levalbuterol) Short-acting beta₂-agonist 6 and older ≥12yrs=0.63mg, 1.25mg no dose indication for children; 17mcg per inhalation Atrovent (ipratropium) HFA Anticholinergic indicated for COPD diagnosis 2 primes to start; 2 primes after 3 days without use (200 doses) only no dose indication for children; 18mcg ipratropium/90 mcg Anticholinergic and short-acting Combivent (ipratropium and Shake 10 sec.; 3 primes to start; 3 primes after 24 hours without indicated for COPD diagnosis albuterol per inhalation albuterol) CFC beta₂-agonist use (200 doses) no dose indication for children; Anticholinergic and short-acting 2.5mg albuterol and 0.5mg Duoneb (ipratropium and albuterol) indicated for COPD diagnosis Pre-mixed unit dose (3ml) beta₂-agonist ipratropium per unit dose lonly

Source: medication package insert

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