Inhaler and Nebulizer Cost Considerations

Does patient have commercial insurance?
- YES
  - What is their Tier Copay?
    - Tier 1: Generic inhalers: Albuterol HFA.
    - Tier 2 or 3: Most inhalers are brand name only and require higher copays.
    - Prior Authorization: Non formulary
    - Not covered
    - Can review with “Coverage” app
    - Co-Pay Manufacturer Assistance Cards
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    - Tier 2 or 3: Most inhalers are brand name only and Tier 2 or 3 requiring higher copays.
    - Prior Authorization: Non formulary
    - Not covered
    - Coverage gap (“Donut hole”)
    - If nebulized medications are required, may go through Medicare part B with or without supplement
- NO
  - Does the patient have Medicare Part C or D?
    - YES
      - Resources for Patients:
        - GoodRx.com
        - Rx Outreach.org
        - RxAssist.org
        - NeedyMed.org
        - Manufacturer websites
    - NO
      - Does the patient have Medicare Part B?
        - YES
          - Does patient have a supplement?
            - YES
              - Consider Albuterol and/or Ipratropium nebulized medication
            - NO
              - Consider nebulized medications through Medicare Part B (80%) with supplement (20%) through a DME company that can process claims with supplement (usually mailed to patient’s home).
              - Does not apply toward patient’s “Donut Hole” medications.
        - NO
          - Resources for Patients:
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            - Manufacturer websites
          - Or consider:
            - Albuterol and/or Ipratropium nebulized medication
            - Albuterol HFA