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Dear Provider:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, providers and patients alike are growing concerned about critical drug shortages. DMBA is closely monitoring this dynamic situation and wants to empower providers with tools to help manage their patients' conditions in the changing landscape of medication access. As prescribers, we may want to develop mitigating plans for patients who are at risk of worsening health, disease exacerbation, or hospitalization if their routine medications are not available.

Below is a link to the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists website, which frequently updates status on medication shortages.

<https://www.ashp.org/Drug-Shortages/>

Additionally, links to the DMBA pharmacy benefit formularies are below and can be referenced to determine formulary alternatives available for medications in short supply.

[Drug Formulary for Deseret Premier, Deseret Select, Deseret Value, and Deseret Choice Hawaii](#)

[Drug Formulary for Deseret Protect](#)

[Drug Formulary for Deseret Alliance](#)

If you have questions, please contact DMBA Member Services at 801-578-5600 in the Salt Lake City area or toll free at 800-777-3622.

Sincerely,

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