



ASTHMA EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

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- ▶ Evidence based practice shows that providing a combination of asthma education and environmental assessments leads to better health outcomes in the pediatric population.
- ▶ In order to improve the health of MO HealthNet youth participants with asthma, statewide In-home Asthma Education and Asthma Environmental Assessment program services were implemented February 1, 2017.
- ▶ The Provider Bulletin outlining the services can be found at:
https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin39-48_2017january27.pdf

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

- ▶ All asthma education and asthma environmental assessment services must take place in the participant's home.
- ▶ The annual limit of asthma education visits will be dependent on the codes used, but shall not exceed one (1) hour per year with the exception of one (1) 90- minute self-management session.
 - ▶ Asthma Educators are allowed to use a combination of codes to provide services as long as they do not exceed 1 hour.
 - ▶ If using the code for the 90 minute self-management session no other codes may be billed.
- ▶ The annual limit for asthma environmental assessments is 2 sessions.
- ▶ Additional asthma education and environmental assessment requests beyond the initial allocation must be submitted as a new prior authorization request and must be deemed medically necessary.

Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ For participants to be eligible for asthma education and asthma environmental assessment services the individual must meet the following criteria:
 - ▶ Currently enrolled in MO HealthNet, and
 - ▶ Younger than 21 years of age, and
 - ▶ Have a primary diagnosis of asthma, and

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- ▶ Have had one of the following events as a result of asthma in the last 12 months:
 - ▶ 1 or more Inpatient Hospital stays, or
 - ▶ 2 or more Emergency Department (ED) visits, or
 - ▶ 3 or more Urgent Care visits, or
 - ▶ A high utilization of rescue inhalers (short-acting inhaled beta-2 agonists) defined as 4 or more prescription refills, or underutilization of ICS (inhaled corticosteroids) defined as missing 4 or more refills based on their enrollment months, and at least one ED or Urgent Care visit.

Provider Criteria

- ▶ Providers of Asthma Education And Environmental Assessment Services must be enrolled with MO HealthNet.
- ▶ Providers of asthma education services must be certified Asthma Educators. The provider must have a current National Asthma Educator Certification (AEC) or a Missouri state certification in order to provide asthma education services.
- ▶ Providers of asthma environmental assessments must be certified Asthma Environmental Assessors. The provider must have a national certification as a National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Healthy Home Specialist, a NEHA Healthy Home Evaluator Micro-Credential, or a Missouri state certification.

Enrollment Process for Services

- ▶ Asthma education and asthma environmental assessments require a referral and/or a prescribed service in the participant's plan of care by a physician.
- ▶ The physician's authorized extenders and staff may help with the prior authorization process but the ordering provider must be the physician.
- ▶ All asthma education and asthma environmental assessment services will require a prior authorization.
- ▶ Participants enrolled in a managed care plan will receive these services through their managed care plan.