



# Missouri Budget Bill 2011 (2015)

- Representative Allen sponsored \$500 K appropriation for asthma preventive services
- Passed house and senate reconciliation
- MC began writing a state plan amendment
- Governor withheld funds
- MO Health Net has written the rules for approved CPTs, providers, and continuing education (current December 31, 2016)



**Rules of  
Department of Social Services  
Division 70—MO HealthNet Division  
Chapter 3—Conditions of Provider Participation,  
Reimbursement and Procedure of  
General Applicability**

Visit link below, see pages 31-33

[www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/13csr/13c70-3.pdf](http://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/13csr/13c70-3.pdf)

13 CSR 70-3.260, Payment Policy for Asthma  
Education and In-Home Environmental Assessments



## PROVIDER BULLETIN



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## ASTHMA EDUCATION AND ASTHMA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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### NEW PEDIATRIC ASTHMA SERVICES

Evidence has shown that the combined provision of asthma education and asthma environmental assessments leads to better health outcomes in the pediatric population. To improve the health of MO HealthNet participants with asthma and to reduce costs associated with uncontrolled asthma, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is implementing a statewide **asthma education and asthma environmental assessment program** for participants under 21 years of age who have evidence of uncontrolled asthma. Eligible participants will receive one hour of asthma education and two asthma environmental assessments annually.



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## Provider Participation

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Providers must be enrolled in the MO HealthNet program to provide medical services. Those who participate in the MO HealthNet Program agree to accept MO HealthNet payment as reimbursement in full for any services provided to MO HealthNet participants. A participant cannot be billed for the difference between the MO HealthNet payment and the provider's billed charges. MO HealthNet Managed Care services are provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract between MHD and the MO HealthNet Managed Care health plans. Participants enrolled in MO HealthNet Managed Care access services through the health plan's provider network. The health plan network may include providers not enrolled in the fee-for-service program.

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## PATIENT ELIGIBILITY (p. 1-2 Provider Bulletin)

Participants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for services in the home:

- Be currently enrolled in MO HealthNet, and
- Be younger than 21 years of age, and
- Have a primary diagnosis of asthma, and
- Had 1 of the following asthma events in the past 12 mos
  - One or more Inpatient Hospital Stays, **or**
  - Two or more ED visits, **or**
  - 3 or more urgent care visits, **or**
  - A high utilization of rescue inhalers (SABAs) 4 or more refills; **or** underutilization of ICS defined as missing 4 or more refills based on enrollment months, **and** at least one ED or urgent care visit.



## Prior Authorization:

“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. Refer to Section 8 of the physician’s manual at [http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection\\_phy/print.pdf](http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_phy/print.pdf) to review MHD’s prior authorization policy.”

*All asthma education services must be provided in the patient’s home, by providers who meet the specified qualifications.*



## **Asthma Education Provider Applicants: (Provider type 35AE)**

- All asthma education providers must submit a copy of current national or Missouri State Certification.
- If the certified asthma educator holds a current license as a nurse, physician, or respiratory therapist a current copy of the license must be submitted in addition to a copy of the asthma education certificate.
- If the certified asthma educator holds a current professional license or certificate a copy of the professional license or certificate must be submitted with the asthma education certificate.
- Out of State applicants are not eligible to enroll for this service.



## **In-Home Environmental Assessor Applicants: (Provider type 35AH)**

- All asthma in-home environmental assessment providers must submit a copy of current National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Healthy Home Specialist Certification, a NEHA Health Home Evaluator Micro-Credential certification, or Missouri state certification.
- If the certified asthma educator holds a current license as a nurse, physician, or respiratory therapist a current copy of the license must be submitted in addition to a copy of the asthma education certificate.
- If the certified asthma educator holds a current professional license or certificate a copy of the professional license or certificate must be submitted with the asthma education certificate.
- Out of State applicants are not eligible to enroll for this service.





## **PROVIDER ENROLLMENT**

If a certified provider is **ALREADY ENROLLED** with MO HealthNet, a Provider Update Request form should be submitted to the Missouri Medicaid Audit & Compliance (MMAC) Provider Enrollment Unit (PEU). The provider must complete Sections I and II on the Provider Update Request form and enter the specialty code that matches your title in Section IV. The Provider Update Request form is available at:

<http://mmac.mo.gov/providers/provider-enrollment/provider-enrollment-forms/>

If a certified provider is **NOT ALREADY ENROLLED** with MO HealthNet as a provider, an enrollment application must be submitted. The link to complete the electronic application is:

<https://peu.momed.com/peu//momed/presentation/commongui/PeHome.jsp>

Any questions regarding enrollment should be emailed to:

[MMAC.ProviderEnrollment@dss.mo.gov](mailto:MMAC.ProviderEnrollment@dss.mo.gov)



## **PROCEDURE CODES AND LIMITS**

The following table details the billable codes for asthma education and asthma environmental assessments. 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 may use a combination of codes S9441, 99401, and 99402 to bill for services, but may not bill over one hour, unless using code 98960. If code 98960 is billed, all other asthma education codes may not be billed.

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>Code Description and Limits</b>	<b>Reimbursement Rate</b>
<b>Asthma Education</b>		
S9441	Asthma education non-physician  (MHD defines 30 minutes, one unit)  Maximum one hour per year	\$50.00 per unit
99401	Preventive medicine counseling, individual  (MHD defines 15 minutes, one unit)  Maximum one hour per year	\$25.00 per unit
99402	Preventive medicine counseling, individual  (MHD defines 30 minutes, one unit)  Maximum one hour per year	\$50.00 per unit
98960	Self-management education using standardized effective curriculum, individually, either incident to a clinical encounter or as preventive service  (MHD defines 90 minutes, one unit)  Maximum once per year	\$100.00 per session/unit
<b>Asthma Environmental Assessments</b>		
S9441 modifier SC	Asthma environmental assessment, non-physician  Maximum two times per year	\$125 per session/unit



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### Home Environment Assessment

Families receive a series of home visits by a trained environmental specialist who assesses the home for triggers and provides improvement recommendations.

[Order Home Environment Assessment](#)

#### GOALS:

- reduce triggers in the home
- provide information to physicians about environmental factors that may influence treatment plan



### Self-management Education

Families receive one-on-one sessions with a nurse or health educator who provides tailored support with an evidence-based educational program.

[Order Self-management Education](#)

#### GOALS:

- improve knowledge and trigger avoidance skills of child and family members
- assure good inhalation technique
- reinforce treatment plan established by physicians