

How Michigan Medicaid Can Help Your Patients With Asthma



Michigan Medicaid has asthma policies and benefits that can help your patients access care, medications, education and devices.



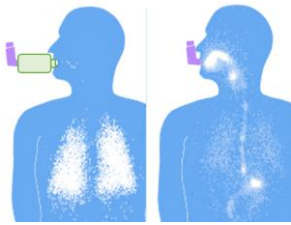
Single Maintenance and Reliever Therapy (SMART)

- SMART medications (ICS-formoterol) include both a reliever and maintenance medication. They are **very effective for patients aged 5 years and older**.
- Prescribing one medication for both reliever and maintenance is less confusing and can lead to improved adherence and better asthma self-management.
- All three medications used for SMART therapy, Symbicort, Dulera and Breyna, are on the Medicaid Common Formulary. **Symbicort and Dulera are preferred**, allowing two inhalers per month (six allowed every 90 days).

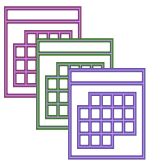


Valved holding chambers/spacers

- Michigan Medicaid **allows four spacers every year** from the pharmacy or durable medical equipment (DME) store and covers many brands and masks.
- It's best to prescribe a spacer without a brand so pharmacies can dispense the spacer in stock.
- Don't forget to write for a mask, with size, if patient is under age five.



90-day asthma medication supply



Asthma **maintenance** medications can be prescribed in 90-day supplies to help improve patient access and self-management.



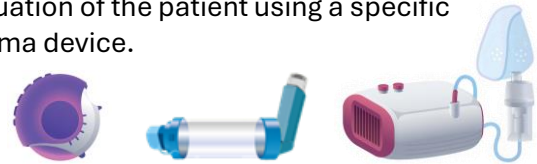
Transportation

- Medicaid plans **pay for rides** to and from doctor visits, the pharmacy and DME.
- Patients can contact their health plans to schedule rides.



Billing for inhaler education: CPT 94664

- This code, with modifier 59, is for the demonstration and/or evaluation of patients using nebulizers and metered dose inhalers.
- Use to train **new users** of nebulizers or inhalers or a new type of device, assess and **reeducate** appropriate technique if a patient's asthma is poorly controlled.
- Can't be used with CPT 94640 or 94645 (while treating an acute exacerbation).
- Providers may **delegate** the device technique evaluation and education to staff, including nurses and respiratory therapists.
- There must be a **signed, written order** in the chart for the education documenting medical necessity. Documentation should clearly show that the service provided was the demonstration and/or evaluation of the patient using a specific asthma device.



More Resources

[Inspiring Health Advances in Lung Care \(INHALE\)](#)

- Inhaler Education, Oral Corticosteroid and Tobacco Dependence Treatment Toolkits.
- Many guidelines-based tools and continuing medical education.

[Children's Special Health Care Services \(CSHCS\)](#)

- CSHCS offers **medical care, treatment and other supports** to some families of children (up to age 26) with asthma.
- Eligibility for children with asthma is determined by severity, chronicity, and the need for treatment by a specialist.
- There is **no fee to join** CSHCS if the individual is covered by Medicaid.
- Local health departments have more information on enrollment and eligibility.



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References



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