

# 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.



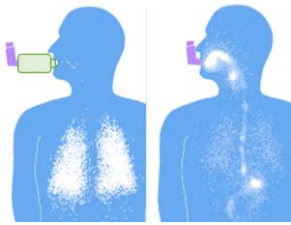
## Single Maintenance and Reliever Therapy (SMART)

- 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).

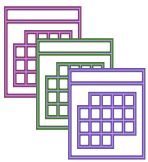


## Valved holding chambers/spacers

- 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.



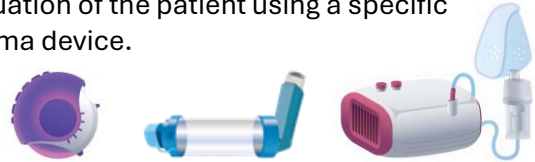
## Transportation

- 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.

