



# Asthma Health Care Quality Improvement

## BURDEN FACTS

- Asthma hospitalizations are preventable, but in 2015, \$5.6 million in charges were billed for asthma-related hospitalizations in Montana (HDD, 2015).
- Only 38% of Montana adults and 42% of children with asthma reported having received at least 3 of the 5 recommended pieces of asthma self-management education (ACBS 2012-2014).

## Health Care Focus

Asthma

## Target Audience

- Hospital emergency department staff
- Primary care providers

## Continuing Education

- Yes, varies per presentation

## Cost

- Free

## Dates

- Ongoing

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Montana Asthma Control Program offers quality improvement (QI) programs for both hospitals and clinics providing care and education to asthma patients.

### The goals of this program are to:

- Improve health outcomes for the 93,000+ Montanans with asthma;
- Increase access to quality asthma care and self-management education; and
- Reduce overall asthma-related health care costs over time.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

### Participating facilities receive the following:

- A grant to be used in a year toward providing guidelines-based asthma services;
- Support from professionals in utilizing their EHR software;
- Potential for an extension of the grant after the end of the first year;
- Ongoing educational opportunities, resources, and support;
- Onsite educational presentation(s) approved for continuing education credits;
- Pre- and post-implementation chart review to provide site-specific feedback; and
- Materials from the MACP to be used in patient education and support quality patient care.

### MACP staff offer education on the following topics:

- Conducting and billing for spirometry;
- Long-term asthma management; and
- Treating an asthma exacerbation.

Data provided through this program could contribute to various quality improvement programs, and support the collection of additional CMS quality metrics.

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## RESOURCES

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