

Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Asthma home evaluations and Allergen-reducing products for children FAQs

Who is eligible to receive services?

- Medical Assistance members under the age of 21 or MinnesotaCare members under the age of 19
- The member needs to have had either a hospital emergency department visit for asthma at least one time in the past year **OR** a hospitalization for the treatment of asthma at least one time in the past year.

What is covered under the new programs?

- Home assessments completed by one of the following:
 - A registered environmental health specialist credentialed by Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
 - A lead risk assessor currently credentialed by MDH
 - A healthy homes specialist defined and credentialed as a Healthy Home Evaluator by the Building Performance Institute
- Allergen-reducing products including:
 - Allergen encasements for mattresses, box springs, pillows
 - Allergen rated vacuum cleaner, including filters and bags
 - Dehumidifier and filters
 - HEPA single-room air cleaner and filters
 - Integrated pest management, including traps and starter packages for food storage containers
 - Damp mopping system
 - Waterproof hospital-grade mattress (if the member does not have access to a bed)
 - Furnace filters (for homeowners only)

What is needed to get these services?

- An order from a licensed provider is required before providing a home assessment or allergen-reducing products.
- Allergen-reducing products can be dispensed without a home assessment as long as a provider orders the products and certifies the need.

Who can provide and bill for services?

You must be an enrolled provider with Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)

- If you are providing durable medical equipment (DME) or supplies, review the [Medical Supplier Enrollment Criteria and Forms](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual.
- If you are providing home assessments, you must be enrolled as one of the providers listed in the [Enrollment with Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\)](#) section of the MHCP Provider Manual.

How can I provide and bill for services?

The [MHCP Provider Manual – Provider Basics](#) section has all of the basic provider information regarding policies, rates, and billing procedures.

The following are specific MHCP Provider Manual sections for home assessments and allergen-reducing products:

- [Home assessments](#)
- [Allergen-Reducing Products for Children](#)

If you have any questions about enrollment or policy, contact the [Provider Resource Center](#) at 651-431-2700 or 800-366-5411. We have designated staff who can assist you through the enrollment process, walk you through questions on policy, and explain how to bill claims through our system. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Where can I find Minnesota Statute citing enhanced asthma care services?

[Minnesota Statutes, 256B.0625, subdivision 67: Enhanced asthma care services](#)