

Coverage for Asthma Related Services in Ohio

In 2019, The Ohio Department of Health Asthma Program (ODHAP) distributed a survey to Medicaid managed care plans and one private insurance provider to help understand asthma related services that they cover. Their responses are captured in the table, below.

	Private Insurance	Ohio Medicaid	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MCP) <i>(Providers are encouraged to check with each MCP with questions about billing instructions or coverage policies.)</i>				
Services	Anthem	Fee for Service (FFS)	Buckeye Community Health Plan	CareSource	Molina Healthcare	Paramount	United Healthcare
Contact Information	(800) 331-1476 https://www.anthem.com/individual-and-family/ohio/	(800) 686-1516 https://medicaid.ohio.gov	(866) 246-4358 https://www.buckeyehealthplan.com/members/medicaid.html	(844) 438-9498 https://www.caresource.com/oh/plans/medicaid/	(800) 642-4168 https://www.molinahhealthcare.com/providers/oh/medicaid/Pages/home.aspx	(800) 462-3589 https://www.paramounthealthcare.com/medicaid/	(800) 895-2017 https://www.uhcommunityplan.com/
Coverage for > 1 spacer/valved holding chamber in last 365 days.	Quantity limits & timeframe based on FDA guidelines	Quantity limits > 1 requires Prior Authorization (PA)	Quantity limits ≥2 requires Prior Authorization (PA)	Quantity limits ≥2 requires Prior Authorization (PA)	Quantity limits ≥2 requires Prior Authorization (PA)	Yes, at no cost and no limits	Quantity limits >4 requires Prior Authorization (PA)
Face-to-face in-home asthma education • Coverage and who provides the education	Not covered	FFS does not cover CPT code 98960 (education and training for patient self-management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider can request service. • PA for out-of-network provider. • Members can self-refer to Care Management. • Provided by RNs, LPNs and Resp. Therapists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered as part of home health care. • Provided by RN/CM; CHWs may provide material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered as part of home health care. • Provided by RN/CM; CHWs may provide material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered as part of home health care as ordered by provider. • Provided by RN or ORC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to members in care management • Provider can call Care Management to request. • Provided by RN or CHW.
Asthma Services • Print/digital information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Telephonic asthma case management	✓	FFS does not cover CPT codes 98966-98968 (telephone assessment and management services by a qualified non	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered as part of case management. • Triggers include inpatient or ED visit, provider referral, member self-referral, or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching component of case management. • Members identified through referrals, PRAFs, HealthChek forms, disease management, or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered as part of care management. • Triggers include high ED utilization, inpatient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered as part of care management. • Triggers include high ED utilization, inpatient admission, high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered in person or telephonically as part of care management. • Available by self-referral, provider referral, UHC

		physician health care professional	new diagnosis of asthma.	customer service call list. • Medication gaps may trigger telephone outreach	admission, high pharmacy claims.	pharmacy claims.	plan identification.
• In-person asthma self-management education	Not covered	FFS does not cover CPT code 98960 (education and training for patient self-management)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member can self-refer. • Provider can request service • Out-of-network providers need PA. • RNs, LPNs, Resp Therapists provide training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided by plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered as a stand-alone service (code 98960) but RN care manager, LPN, or CHW can provide as part of educational session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered as a stand-alone but can be part of case management visits as necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered as a stand-alone service (codes 98960-62) but care management or CHW can provide as part of educational session.
Asthma Referrals • Referrals to specialist services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral needed. • Anthem will assist with finding a specialist if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral required for office visit with specialist • Referral is required if specialist codes as consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral needed. • Buckeye will assist with finding a specialist if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral needed. • CareSource will assist with finding a specialist if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral needed. • Molina will assist with finding a specialist if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral needed. • Paramount will assist with finding a specialist if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral for in-network providers. • UHC will assist with finding a specialist if needed.
• Referrals to in-home asthma education	• Not covered	• Not covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No referral required for use of Buckeye staff. • Non-Buckeye staff requires Prior Authorization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered other than Cuyahoga County asthma pilot where referrals are made to public health to address in-home triggers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of referral for approved home health care includes in-home education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of home health care approval with referral. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member can self-refer or be referred by PCP to UCH care management.
Provider notification after home visit			Written communication		Care manager faxes provider (or another format if requested)		Care plan and updates faxed or mailed to provider.
DME: Mattress and pillow covers		If prescribed by medical provider	If prescribed by medical provider	If prescribed by medical provider	If prescribed by medical provider	If prescribed by medical provider	If prescribed by medical provider
Access to Tobacco Cessation	All Ohioans have access to the Ohio Tobacco Quitline which provides counseling and Nicotine Replacement Therapy free of charge: 1-800-QUIT-NOW or www.ohioquitlogix.org						

✓ = provided service

This tool is a reference sheet for health provider use only. For additional questions and assistance with individual patients, please call the individual insurance company using the contact information provided above.

Unified Preferred Drug List

To demonstrate their commitment to transparency and access, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) released a unified preferred drug list (UPDL) on January 1, 2020. The UPDL requires ODM's managed-care plans (MCP) to use its single preferred list of medications, reducing confusion for Medicaid members, their health care providers, and pharmacists.

The UPDL can be found here: https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/01012020_Unified_PDL.pdf. Respiratory agents start on page 104. For more information on the UPDL, please visit the UPDL page on ODM's website: <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/unified-pdl>

