

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Enhanced Asthma Benefits for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Members**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) has implemented a new benefit, effective January 1, 2022, for Enhanced Asthma in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). The benefit includes Home Assessments and Allergen-Reducing Supplies and Equipment.

Families & Children members under the age of 21, or MNCare members under the age of 19, are eligible for the benefit if they have had either a hospital emergency department visit for asthma OR a hospitalization for the treatment of asthma at least one time in the past year.

Home Assessments may be performed by the following credentialed local public health workers:

- Healthy homes specialist defined and credentialed as a [Healthy Home Evaluator](#) by the Building Performance Institute
- [Lead Risk Assessor](#) as defined and credentialed by the Minnesota Department of Health
- [Registered Environmental Health Specialist](#) as defined and credentialed by the Minnesota Department of Health

The healthy homes specialist, lead risk assessor, and registered environmental health specialists are not required to enroll in MHCP and must bill under their county contracts in order to be reimbursed for services. Home Assessments are billed using procedure code T1028-UA. Documentation in the member's record must include the name of the healthy homes specialist, lead risk assessor, or the registered environmental health specialist who completed the service.

Allergen-Reducing Supplies and Equipment must be ordered by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist. Counties are required to have a physician's order and the order must be part of the member's records. Covered supplies and equipment must be billed using procedure code E1399-HA along with a narrative description. Claims submitted without a narrative description will not be accepted for reimbursement.

### **Covered Supplies and Equipment**

- Allergen encasements for mattresses, box springs and pillows
- An allergen-rated vacuum cleaner, filters and bags
- A dehumidifier and filters
- A HEPA single-room air cleaner and filters
- Integrated pest management, including traps and starter packages of food storage containers

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**Covered Supplies and Equipment, continued**

- A damp mopping system
- A waterproof hospital-grade mattress (if the member does not have access to a bed)
- Furnace filters (for homeowners only)

Equipment and Supplies can be distributed by any of the following participating providers: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Indian Health Services, Medical Suppliers, Pharmacies, Rural Health Clinics, Public Health Nursing Clinics or Durable Medical Equipment Providers.

**Products Impacted**

- Blue Advantage Families and Children (F&C) under age 21
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare) under age 19

**Questions?**

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