

Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project



What we do:

Each year, the American Lung Association's Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project collects data on state Medicaid programs' coverage of seven key components and nine barriers to guidelines-based asthma care. Guidelines-based care refers to treatments and services based on the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines.

Seven key components:



Quick relief medications



Controller medications



Medical devices



Allergen testing



Allergen Immunotherapy



Home visits



Self-management education

Barriers:

AL	Age Limits
AR	Age Restrictions
Copay	Copayments
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
EC	Eligibility Criteria
PA	Prior Authorization
QL	Quantity Limits
SVL	Specialty Visit Limitations
ST	Stepped Therapy

How we do it:

The Lung Association reviews publicly available documentation to determine coverage and barriers to guidelines-based asthma care for all Medicaid fee-for-service and managed care plans in each state. The Lung Association shares the information with each state Medicaid office to confirm and updates data annually.

Reviewed sources include:

Medicaid fee schedules

State plan amendments

Preferred drug lists

Member handbooks

Provider manuals

How to use it:

Coverage data is compiled and published for public use on the Lung Association's website, www.lung.org/asthma-care-coverage, along with other resources including:



Webinars



Fact sheets



Coverage maps