Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project: 2019 Update

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Agenda

• Briefly describe the Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project
• Preview our 2019 Asthma Care Coverage Data
• Discuss Next Steps and Resources
• Q&A

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Based on the NAEPP guidelines, the American Lung Association tracks coverage of and related barriers to guidelines-based asthma care in every state Medicaid program annually.

Objectives:
1) Increase understanding of Medicaid coverage and barriers to access guidelines-based asthma care across 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
2) Identify gaps between what is known to be best practice in improving asthma outcomes and what is covered by state Medicaid programs.
3) Promote collaboration between diverse stakeholder groups to increase access to guidelines-based asthma care.

Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project

Components of Coverage

- Quick Relief Medications
- Controller Medications
- Medical Devices
- Allergy Testing
- Allergen Immunotherapy
- Home Visits and Interventions
- Self-Management Education

Barriers to Care

- Age Limits
- Age Restrictions
- Co-payments
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Eligibility Criteria
- Prior Authorization
- Quantity Limits
- Specialty Visit Limitations
- Stepped Therapy

Asthma Care Coverage Database

The Asthma Care Coverage Database allows users to research asthma care coverage issues in various regions.
State Medicaid Coverage for Allergy Testing

Covered

Some Coverage

No Coverage or Not Available

Covered Without Barriers

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State Medicaid Coverage for Asthma Home Visits & Interventions

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NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES

Building Relationships with Medicaid

- Understanding Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
  - Types of managed care arrangements
  - Managed care payments
  - Coverage requirements
  - Performance metrics

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Building Relationships with Medicaid

- Return on Investment Research
  - Coverage of guidelines-based asthma care reduces healthcare costs for payers.
  - Multiple programs that use guidelines-based asthma care in Medicaid have produced a positive ROI.
  - Adherence to evidence-based care results in improved asthma management and better health outcomes.
  - Medicaid recipients currently face multiple barriers to guidelines-based asthma care, resulting in lost opportunities for program savings.

Understanding Coverage in Your State

The Lung Association reviews information on every standard Medicaid plan's coverage of guidelines-based asthma care as part of our annual data collection, but does not release plan-specific information.
Barriers to Care

Why do barriers like co-pays and prior authorization make it harder for patients to access guidelines-based asthma care?

Tools to Address Gaps in Coverage

How can states address the comprehensiveness and consistency of coverage across multiple plans?

- Common Formulary
- Contract Language
- State Plan Amendment

Project Resources

Resources at Lung.org/asthma-care-coverage

Webinars on Asthma Coverage Data, Educational Resources and More Topics

Asthma Care Coverage Nationwide Maps

Asthma Care Coverage Database with State-Specific Information

Fact Sheets and Issue Briefs
Save the Dates

Webcasts
- June 26, 2:00 pm ET – Asthma Care Coverage in 2019: An Update from the Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project
- July 23, 2:00 pm ET – Best Practices on Working with Medicaid to Advance Guidelines-Based Asthma Coverage

Email asthmacare@lung.org for registration details!

QUESTIONS?
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