



INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN

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TO: All P4P Participating Practitioners

RE: NEW AND IMPROVED ASTHMA PROGRESS NOTES

In September 2005, IEHP launched the Asthma Component of the Pay for Performance (P4P) Program. To date, over 8,500 progress notes have been received from our Providers. We have received numerous suggestions over the past year regarding ways to improve the program. Examples included:

1. Easier way to add asthmatic Members that are not currently on IEHP roster.
2. Clearer guidelines for medication management.
3. Easily available data on asthma Members medication use, ED visits and hospitalization.

In light of the above, IEHP has made the following revisions to the web site:

1. You are now able to complete a progress note on any asthmatic Member regardless of their Asthma roster status.
2. IEHP has improved the Asthma Progress note, which will assist you in easily identifying asthma severity and appropriate medication management. The new form is now available on the web and can be submitted up to four times a year. Reimbursement for the asthma progress note is \$25.00 for web based submissions and \$20.00 for faxed or mailed progress notes.
3. The new and improved asthma patient summary can be accessed via the web. When checking the eligibility of your Members you may notice our **new yellow inhaler button**. When you click the yellow inhaler button it will provide you with any asthma-related ED and hospital visits, their asthma medication profile, as well as health education class attendance, and whether or not you have submitted an asthma progress note for the Member. Please let your staff know to print up the information anytime a Member comes in for a visit.

In your packet you will find a laminated version of the new Asthma Progress note for your use. Please start using them immediately. If you should have any questions regarding the new and improved IEHP Asthma Progress note, or the asthma patient summary sheet, please feel free to call your Provider Services Representative at (909) 890-2054. If you require assistance with your Members with Asthma, you are welcome to call the Asthma Health Management Program at 1-866-224-4347.

Sincerely,

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