Asthma Self-Management Education is reimbursed by all Medicaid MCOs (Molina, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, and Presbyterian) in New Mexico.*

**About & Benefits**

Asthma Self-Management Education is an evidence-based intervention that has many positive effects on patients with asthma including improved lung function and feelings of self-control, and reduced absenteeism from school, the number of days with restricted activity, and the number of visits to an emergency department. (Ahmad & Grimes, 2011) The most benefits are received when a patient receives 3 visits.

**Billing Codes**

- **98960** - Education & training for patient self-management by a qualified, non-physician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face-to-face with the patient (could include caregiver/family) each 30 minutes; individual patient

- **98961** - Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, non-physician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face-to-face with the patient (could include caregiver/family) each 30 minutes; 2-4 patient

- **98962** - Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, non-physician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face-to-face with the patient (could include caregiver/family) each 30 minutes; 5-8 patients

- **S9441** - Asthma education, non-physician provider, per session (Asthma education)

**Reimbursement Amount**

The average amount of reimbursement for billing code 98960 in 2016 was **$11.92**, and the range was $0.00 to $39.00.

The average amount of reimbursement for billing code S9441 in 2016 was **$56.15**, and the range was $0.00 to $65.00.

*Individual MCOs have different criteria for reimbursing for Asthma Self-Management Education, check with each MCO to determine eligibility for reimbursement.

For assistance with developing an Asthma Self-Management program or more information please contact the New Mexico Asthma Control Program.

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