

MEDICAL HOME



PROGRAM ON ASTHMA ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS

Advancing medical home implementation for children with asthma, allergy & anaphylaxis through team-based care and family-professional partnerships

Background

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) established the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma (MHCCPA) to meet an identified need for the development of a high-impact, national initiative focused on improved quality care of pediatric patients with asthma, including the facilitated implementation of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) 2007 asthma guidelines within medical homes. The MHCCPA has since served as an effective conduit for dissemination of best practices and advocacy for implementation of the NHLBI asthma guidelines within medical homes at the AAP chapter and/or state level(s).

Through the generous support of the Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics, the Academy will embark on a new, two-year initiative expanding both the focus of the program—to include asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis—and its activities towards achieving improved health outcomes for children.

Program Goal and Objectives

- To improve outcomes for all children with asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis via the provision of comprehensive team-based, family-centered care and effective co-management between primary and subspecialty care settings.
- To achieve this goal, the project will: support a successful, national chapter champion network model; initiate a team-based, care coordination and co-management quality improvement effort; and cultivate an enhanced focus on advocacy and policy.

Program Components

Chapter Champions Network - Program objectives will be addressed through the established Medical Home Chapter Champions network with representation from each AAP chapter. Chapter Champions will: serve as a conduit for disseminating best policies and practices to pediatric health care providers nationwide through the leadership and networks of AAP chapters; serve as advocates for change at the local, state, and national levels; become involved in providing technical assistance, as well as tools and resources to pediatricians and other pediatric health care providers; and assist in aligning national and state, local, and/or community priorities.

Quality Improvement Learning Community - Using both a web-based (virtual) learning initiative and a quality improvement learning collaborative approach, the program will develop, enhance and test tools that support the interface between primary care pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists in team-based provision of asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis care. An additional goal of this component of the project will be to optimize the role of the primary care physician while ensuring appropriate referrals to subspecialists.

Policy Change - Policy change that supports implementation of family-centered asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis care will be advanced and facilitated at the community, chapter and state levels through the provision of educational and other materials and support for cross-sector collaboration.

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