

## Billing for Asthma Management Tools and Respiratory Device Educational Services

### Billing for Asthma Management Tools

Providers can prescribe inhaler assistive devices such as spacers and peak flow meters through the Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Benefit for Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) members. These devices are covered and can be prescribed directly to a pharmacy. If a member requires quantities beyond the coverage limit, providers may submit a prior authorization request to Medi-Cal Rx for additional supplies. For additional information on how to submit a prior authorization, visit the GCHP website, [here](#).

### Billing for Respiratory Device Educational Services

Providers can bill Medi-Cal for the demonstration and/or evaluation of patient utilization of respiratory devices like spacers, aerosol generators, nebulizers, metered dose inhalers, and intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) devices. For additional information on billing for these services, visit the [Medi-Cal website](#).

Medi-Cal		Medi-Cal Rx	
Evaluation & Management Code	Restrictions	Medical Supply	Quantity Covered without PA
CPT 94664 demonstration and/or evaluation of patient utilization of respiratory devices	Limited to once per year per provider.  Do not bill with CPT 94060.	Inhaler, assistive devices (spacer, bag or reservoir, with or without mask, for use with metered dose inhaler)	2 per 365-day period
		Peak flow meters, non-electronic	1 per 365-day period

**Asthma management tools offer many advantages to help members manage their asthma.**

**Inhaler assistive devices**, such as spacers, help improve the delivery of medication. These devices:

- Improve medication intake by slowing the medication mist, allowing more time to inhale the medication slowly and deeply to increase the amount of medication that reaches the lungs.
- Help coordinate the “press and breathe” action, allowing medication to be inhaled correctly.
- Reduce side effects by minimizing the amount of medication that settles in the mouth and throat.



**Peak flow meters** help monitor lung function and they:

- Can detect potential worsening of asthma symptoms before they become severe.
- Allow for early intervention and adjustments to treatment plans to help prevent asthma attacks.

