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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration alerts consumers and retailers of the potential for serious injury from eating, drinking, or handling food products prepared by adding liquid nitrogen at the point of sale, immediately before consumption. These products are often marketed under the names "Dragon's Breath," "Heaven's Breath," "nitro puff" and other similar names.

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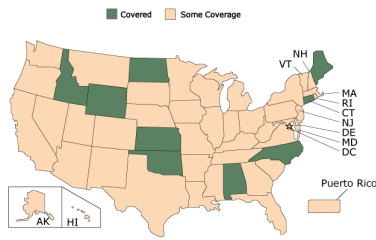


ALA in PA



PA Department of Health





Asthma affects more than 24 million Americans, including 6.2 million children. Although asthma cannot be cured, it can be effectively managed with care based on nationally recognized guidelines. Ensuring the availability and accessibility of guidelines-recommended treatments and services can help patients receive the most appropriate care. In this article, we describe the American

Lung Association's Asthma Guidelines-Based Care Coverage Project (the Project) to determine the extent of asthma care coverage and associated barriers in state Medicaid programs - information that has been previously unavailable. The Project tracked coverage for 7 areas of guidelines-based asthma care and 9 barriers related to accessing care in Medicaid programs for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Results from the Project show a lack of consistent and comprehensive coverage across states, as well as coverage-related challenges to accessing asthma care within states.

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Asthma Partner/Educator Resources Feedback Survey



The American Lung Association is conducting an evaluation of our asthma programs and resources. We would welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement, as well as information about how you have used our resources and how they have impacted your work. We also want to know what type of information and resources you need in the future. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Asthma Educator Institute: Limited Spots Available!



Join Your Local American Lung Association Asthma Educator Institute

October 18-19, 2018
Berks County Community Foundation
227 Court St., Reading, PA 19601
\$350 registration fee
For more information, contact Shelly Cree at shelly.cree@lung.org

"My objectives were thoroughly met. My knowledge of asthma management was increased. It uncovered my weaknesses and misconceptions and prepared me for the national exam."

The conference aligns with the National Asthma Educator Certification Board's Candidate Handbook and includes case reviews, hands-on skills demonstrations and practice.

The Asthma Educator Institute™ (AEI) is a two-day preparatory course for individuals who want to implement asthma guidelines-based care and those qualified to take the National Asthma Educator Certification Board (NAECB) examination. The AEI was developed with experts in the field with asthma and it reflects the National Institute of Health, Expert Panel Report 2 Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma.

AEI is a professional education course that targets frontline healthcare professionals, such as nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, other licensed or credentialed healthcare professionals, and educators with 1000+ direct hours of asthma education who are eligible to take the national asthma certification exam. In addition, the course is a great refresher for AE-C's preparing for recertification.

Applications will be submitted for contact hours for Respiratory Therapists, Registered Nurses, and Certified Health Education Specialists.



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Regional Opportunities!



WESTERN REGION

- LUNG FORCE Walk/Run: [Pittsburgh, PA-October 27, 2018](#)
- Fight for Air Climb: [Pittsburgh, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Pittsburgh, PA- May 15, 2019](#)

CENTRAL REGION

- LUNG FORCE Walk/Run: [Harrisburg, PA- November 3, 2018](#)

EASTERN REGION

- CAPP Asthma Disparities Summit: [Philadelphia, PA- October 17, 2018](#)
- Fight for Air Climb: [Philadelphia, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Cherry Hill, NJ- April 23, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Walk: [Philadelphia, PA- May 18, 2019](#)

If you have an event you would like to share or promote to PA Asthma Partnership members, please email Shelly at Shelly.Cree@lung.org!

We thank you for your continued participation in the Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership and dedication to supporting Pennsylvanians with asthma across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

**John Keith
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