



MAP Home Visiting Referrals Checklist

Project Goal:

Identify at least 5 students with uncontrolled asthma and refer them to the Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP).

Project Steps:

1. Contact the MAP nurse in your area to inform them about your project and potential incoming referrals.
2. Review school records to identify students with current asthma diagnosed by a medical provider. (If you are applying as an Asthma Educator, first identify who will assist you with school records)
3. Identify at least 10 students with asthma and contact their parent/guardian to request permission to administer the Asthma Control Test (ACT) with their child and refer the student to the MAP if necessary. A letter and MAP brochure may be sent to the parents requesting permission to assess their child. To complete this project, the grantee must assess asthma control among at least five students.
4. Once parent/guardian permission is obtained, work with the students to administer the ACT. Identify students who score less than 20 on the ACT. Nurse/asthma educator will also ask if students have had an emergency department visit in the last year due to their asthma.
5. Students who score less than 20 on the ACT or who have gone to the emergency department in the last year because of their asthma are considered to have uncontrolled asthma. The school nurse/asthma educator will contact the parents/guardians of the students with uncontrolled asthma and inform them that the student will be referred to the MAP and that a home visitor will be following-up with the family.
6. Refer students to the MAP by directly contacting the MAP home visitor in your area or by submitting the referral through the secure provider referral portal, which can be accessed through direct link, <https://chronicdiseasedata.undeerc.org/emap-selfreferral/default.aspx>, or by visiting the MACP website at asthma.mt.gov.

Follow-Up:

Approximately 30 days after referring students to the MAP, contact the parents/guardians of those students to determine if the child has been enrolled in the MAP. If the answer is no, ask for a reason why they chose not to enroll their child and encourage them to do so.

Report Results:

Complete outcomes report form and return it to the School Health Program by May 31 of the school year in which the grant is received. Email, fax, or mail outcome report forms to the School Health Program using the contact information provided on the form.

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MAP Program Description

The Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP) is a 12-month education and assistance program for people with uncontrolled asthma. Participants receive up to 6 visits from a nurse or respiratory therapist to address self-management education, asthma triggers, care coordination, and assess the home environment.

The MAP includes:

- 4-6 home visits over the course of a year
- Custom asthma education
- Free home environmental assessment to identify potential asthma triggers
- Educational resources and referrals to community services
- Individual help connecting with healthcare providers
- Free allergen proof pillow and mattress covers and HEPA air purifiers

Who is eligible?

Any child or adult with a current asthma diagnosis who has had either:

- an emergency department visit, hospitalization or unscheduled medical office visit for asthma
OR
- an Asthma Control Test score of less than 20 in the last year Adults or children who do not meet these requirements are eligible for MAP with a direct referral from their healthcare provider.

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How to Enroll

The MAP is currently serving 25 counties with in-person home visiting. Virtual home visiting is available in all 56 counties. Healthcare providers can enroll patients directly through a secure referral portal found at dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/asthma/astmahomevisiting.

The portal also has a self-referral option for individuals who would like to speak with MAP home visitor about the program. Referrals can also be sent to local home visitors directly through other traditional secure communication methods.

MAP Locations

For a complete list of local MAP sites and their contact information visit the interactive [DPHHS Community Programs map, available here](#).

