

# Asthma Management

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Initial Assessment

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

The following will assist the school nurse and staff in determining any special needs for your child. If you desire a conference with your school nurse, please call your child's school for an appointment. For use by the clinician to guide the assessment of a child with symptoms suggestive of asthma.

## Asthma/Respiratory History:

### 1. Symptoms – Does your child have?

- Daytime Cough     Daytime Wheezing     Shortness of Breath     Chest Tightness
- Sputum Production     Nighttime Cough     Nighttime Wheezing
- Interrupted sleep due to symptoms

### 2. Patterns of Symptoms

- Perennial (yearly)     Seasonal     Both Please Describe \_\_\_\_\_
- Continual     Episodic     Both Please Describe \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily Variations, especially at night or upon awakening \_\_\_\_\_
- Onset of symptoms, duration, frequency (# of days/nights per week or month) \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Precipitating and/or aggravating factors (Triggers)

- Viral Respiratory Infections/Colds     Environmental Allergens (pollen/dust)
- Exercise     Irritants (tobacco smoke, strong odors, chemicals)
- Weather Changes (exposure to cold air)     Animal Dander or Feathers
- Foods, Additives or Preservatives     Emotions (fear, anger, crying, laughing)
- Drugs (Aspirin, NSAIDS, Beta Blockers, Etc.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*if checked, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Development of disease and management/treatment

Age of onset / diagnosis of Asthma \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Peak Flow Meter? (Frequency, Current Readings) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications (Name, Dose, Frequency) \_\_\_\_\_

Need for oral corticosteroids and frequency of use \_\_\_\_\_

#### Typical Symptoms

- Frequency \_\_\_\_\_
- Usual signs/symptoms \_\_\_\_\_
- Management (What works?) \_\_\_\_\_

- Limitations of activity\_\_\_\_\_

How many times in the past year has your child been treated in the doctor's office for asthma?\_\_\_\_\_

Date of last doctor's appointment\_\_\_\_\_ Date of last pulmonary function test\_\_\_\_\_

Provider Treating Asthma\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Episodes of unscheduled care (Dates and lengths of time in the past 12 months)**

- Urgent Care Clinic\_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency Room Visit\_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitalization\_\_\_\_\_
- Number of school/work days missed due to asthma\_\_\_\_\_

**Life-threatening events**

- Intubation\_\_\_\_\_ ICU admission\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Social history of student/family**

Members of household\_\_\_\_\_

Family members with chronic health conditions\_\_\_\_\_

Smoking in the home Yes No Pets in the home Yes No Type\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Child's knowledge of condition**

Does your child understand asthma triggers and reliably report difficulty? Yes No

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child know how to use inhaler properly? Yes No

Did your physician instruct your child on proper use of the inhaler? Yes No

Please keep my child's teacher and staff that may be involved with my child updated on his/her asthma care. I am aware that if an Emergency Care Plan is indicated by the nurse, that it will need to be updated yearly.

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Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Nurse referral for Emergency Care Plan Yes No

Nurse Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_