

PEDIATRIC ASTHMA

Approximately 6 million children in the United States have Asthma.

- Asthma is diagnosed 1-2/10 children; the most common chronic condition for children in U.S.
- Asthma can start at any age; even infancy
- Most common in school age children; #1 cause of school absence
- Asthma accounts for ¼ of all emergency room visits in the U.S./year & nearly ½ admits for asthma are for children
- Asthma is the 3rd ranking cause of hospitalization for children; 3 days LOS



80% increase in death rate in children less than 19 years of age since 1980.

It is important for family members to learn how to

- Identify and avoid asthma and allergen triggers
- Recognize and prevent asthma attacks
- Understand action plan, medications and help manage symptoms

NO CASE MANAGEMENT

- 03/09/09 Diagnosed at age 7; ER + 5 day stay at a cost of \$15,488
- CM offered but refused
 - 05/09 ER; \$1,973
 - 01/10 ER; \$1,973
 - 03/10 ER + 3 day stay-PICU x 2 days; \$20,670
- TOTAL SPENT: \$40,104 in one year & continues to utilize ER

HMC CASE MANAGEMENT

- 11/17/03 Diagnosed at age 6; ER + 2 day stay at a cost of \$9,352.00
- Not identified by payer
 - 10/04, 01/05 x 2, 09/05 ER; \$7,892
 - 09/05 1 day; \$4,676
 - 09/09 ER; \$1,973
 - 09/14/09 ER + 4 day stay-PICU x 1; \$18,079
- TOTAL SPENT \$41,972 since diagnosis to CM
- NO FURTHER ER/OBS or ADMITS
- Total Savings; \$11,930: CM costs; \$2,511
- ROI 4.75:1

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