



Dakota County Billing Procedure

Third Party Billing:

- Public Health Nurses utilize third party reimbursement to maintain the program. Services are divided into the following codes:

Child Visits: Visits are billed to the child using ICD Code J45.21.

- ❖ Frame/SAN: PHN Home Visit - Child
 - Childhood Asthma- Initial Visit- billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Follow-up Visit- billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Equipment-billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Education- billed as HCPC- S9441
- ❖ Initial, Follow-up and Equipment visits billed to the child at S9123 where asthma education was completed AND visit length is greater than 31 minutes qualify for the use of the S9441 code in addition to S9123.

Parent Visits: Visits are billed to the parent using ICD Code Z71.89 for when education is provided to the parent.

- ❖ Frame/SAN: PHN Home Visit - Parent

Equipment Distribution:

- Equipment distributed as part of program may include, but not limited to:
 - Hepa Vacuum cleaner
 - Large air purifier
 - Small air purifier
 - Pre-filter for large air purifier
 - Mattress encasements
 - Pillow encasements
 - Dehumidifier
 - Holding Chamber
- Equipment distribution requires financial eligibility.
- Equipment is subject to individual needs, eligibility and program funding.
- Assemble vacuum using Phillips # 2 screwdriver
- As appropriate bring all boxes and packaging back to office after distribution to recycle

Virtual Visits: Video or phone visits may be utilized on an as needed basis, per client request, or as required by supervisory staff. This applies to initial, follow up, and equipment visits.

- Video visits may be completed using Zoom or Facetime on county devices.
- Visits are billed to the child still using ICD Code J45.21
- HCPC codes remain the same, the accounting technician will change the place of service code when processing the billing.
 - Childhood Asthma- Initial Visit- billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Follow-up Visit- billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Equipment-billed as HCPC- S9123
 - Childhood Asthma- Education- billed as HCPC- S9441
- For the parent use ICD Code Z71.89 for when education is provided.
- For Child visits choose the Frame/SAN: PHN Home Visit-Child and then add the additional San only option for video visits or phone visits.
- For the Parent visits open the Frame/SAN: PHN Home Visit-Parent and then add the San only option for video or phone visit.

Uninsured clients: Clients are not billed for Dakota County services, if they do not have health insurance, or their health insurance does not cover these home visits, services are covered by a combination of county levy money and grant funds.

Enhanced asthma services law : (MN stat. Section 256B.0625, subd. 67)

The following Enhanced Asthma Services Bill for Children will assist with reimbursement of equipment for children who meet the requirements. Dakota County already receives reimbursement for home visits so will not need to pursue reimbursement though this benefit for that service.

- i. Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHPC) members under the age of 21 for Medical Assistance (MA) and under the age of 19 for Minnesota Care may be eligible to access this benefit for a home assessment and environmental DME if they are considered to have poorly controlled Asthma. [Physician and Professional Services \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.state.mn.us/health/professional-services/)-See Enhanced Asthma Care Services