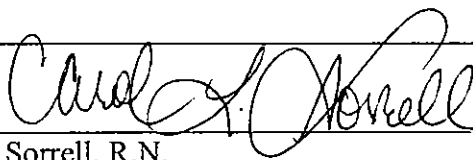
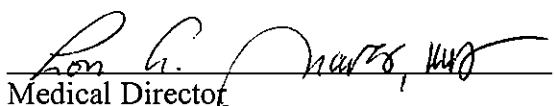
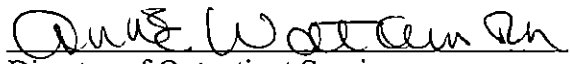



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POLICY¹:

KHS will provide asthma treatment and management as required by California Health and Safety Code § 1367.06.

PURPOSE:

To define coverage for asthma treatment and management.

PROCEDURE:

1.0 ACCESS

Asthma treatment and management services may be accessed through the PCP. Any necessary authorization should be requested as outlined in *KHS Policy and Procedure #3.22-P: Referral and Authorization Process*.²

Prescription medicine that is not covered on the KHS Formulary requires prior authorization. Authorization should be requested as outlined in *KHS Policy and Procedure #13.01-P: Drug Utilization and Non-Formulary Treatment Requests*.

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Pediatric asthma education should be accessed as outlined in *KHS Policy and Procedure #2.35-P: Disease Management*.³

2.0 COVERED SERVICES

KHS covers all medically necessary care, equipment, and supplies for the treatment and management of asthma. KHS coverage includes, but is not limited to, the following asthma equipment and supplies when medically necessary for the management and treatment of pediatric asthma⁴:

- A. Inhaler spacers when medically necessary for the management and treatment of pediatric asthma
- B. Nebulizers, including face masks and tubing
- C. Peak flow meters

Quantities of equipment and supplies may be limited if the limitations do not inhibit appropriate compliance with treatment as prescribed by the member's treating practitioner.⁵

Additional information on the provision of asthma education is outlined in *KHS Policy and Procedure #2.35-P: Disease Management*.

¹ **Revision 2006-02:** Policy created to comply with AB2185 (2004) which was effective 1/1/05. KHS coverage included all elements of AB2185 prior to its effective date. Policy reviewed against DHS Contract 03-76165 (Effective 5/1/2004).

² HSC §1367.06 (c)

³ HSC §1367.06 (d)

⁴ HSC §1367.06(a) and (b)

⁵ HSC §1367.06 (c)