



Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Children's Center for Community Research

Statewide Easy Breathing® News



Winter 2013

American Board of Pediatrics changes policy on MOC Credits

What's new?

As many of you already know, one of the benefits of using the Easy Breathing program is that it is approved as a Part IV Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Quality Improvement (QI) project. In the past, Easy Breathing was approved for 40 points towards MOC Part IV which was the most a QI project could be awarded. However, as of September 1, 2013 the American Board of Pediatrics has decided to no longer accept requests nor approve QI projects for 40 points. Rather, all QI projects will be approved for a maximum of **25** points.

What does this mean for you?

For those who enrolled in the Easy Breathing MOC activity prior to September 1, 2013, you will be awarded credit twice, for a total of 50 points. For diplomates who enrolled on or after September 1, 2013, the new policy will apply.

We appreciate all of your efforts and dedication to the Easy Breathing program and are grateful that you choose Easy Breathing to maintain your certification. We hope that participation in MOC Part IV translates into improved quality of care for your patients with asthma.

CME credits for Participation in MOC Part IV

There is now *another* added benefit of choosing Easy Breathing to fulfill Part IV of MOC — Continuing Medical Education Credits! CT Children's Medical Center and Easy Breathing have agreed to award participants who complete Part IV MOC a total of **6 CME** credits.

EPA Asthma Program Introduces

“The Breathe Easies”!

The Breathe Easies are the world's only asthma rock band!

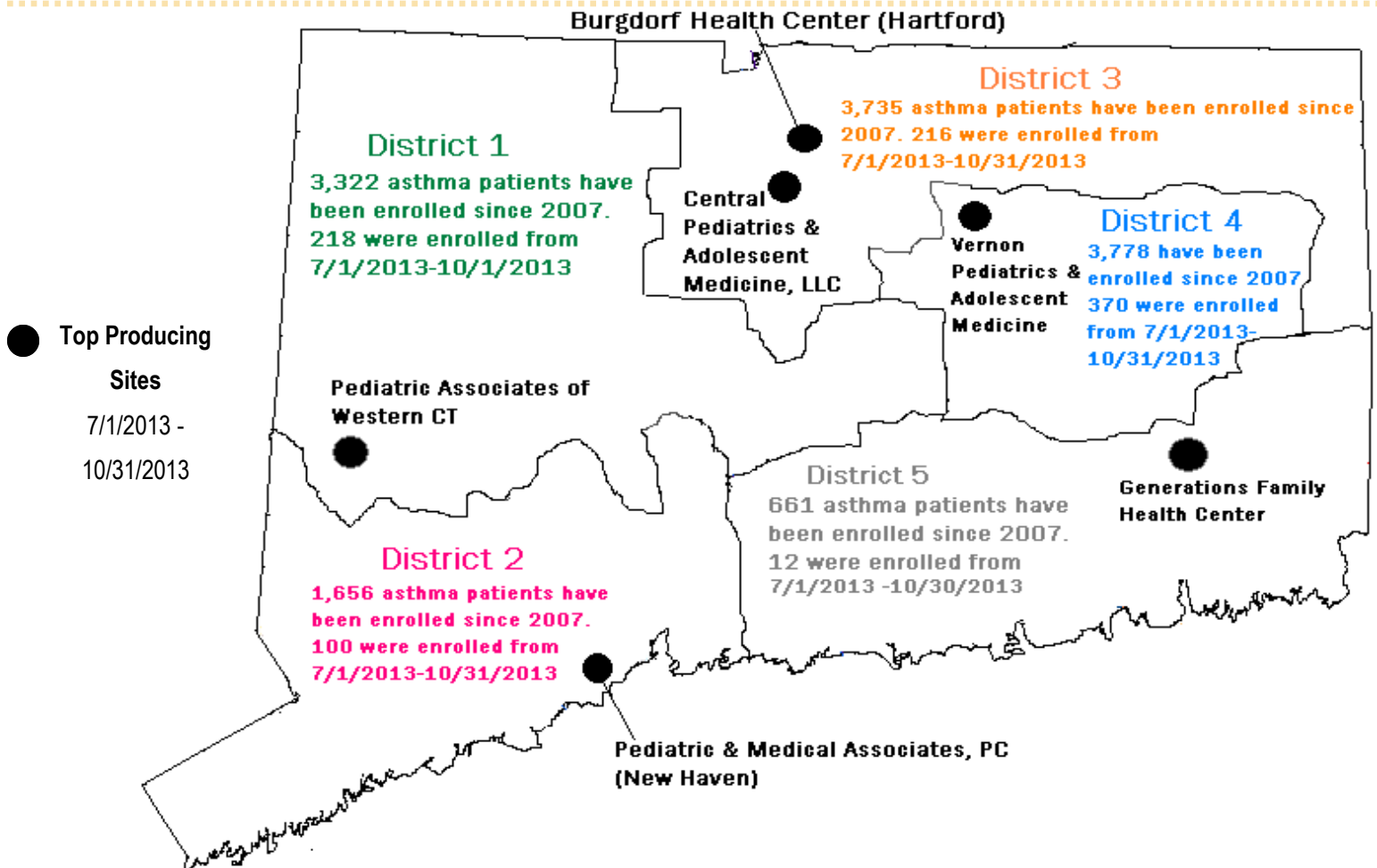
These colorful puppets teach children and their families how to stop asthma triggers in their home ... Don't smoke in the house! Clean up the mold! Vacuum up the floor!

To learn more about the Breathe Easies, please visit their website.

<http://www.noattacks.org/breathe-easies>



From July 2007 to October 2013, Easy Breathing® Statewide has surveyed 47,701 children. Of the children surveyed, 26% have a diagnosis of asthma. In total, 122,244 children have been surveyed since 1998.



Currently, for all 5 Districts combined....

83% of children diagnosed with persistent asthma have a written treatment plan on file in Easy Breathing

96% of children diagnosed with persistent asthma are on a daily Anti-inflammatory therapy

Program Goals

100% for Written Treatment Plans for children diagnosed with persistent asthma.

95% for Anti-inflammatory therapy for children diagnosed with persistent asthma.



Thank you
to all of our Easy Breathing© practices
throughout the state for your
continued support of the
Easy Breathing© program!

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