



# Breathe Easy at Home (BEAH) Code Inspection Referrals Provider Screening Guide

Use this guide to determine if [Breathe Easy at Home \(BEAH\)](#) is appropriate for your patient.

## 1 Is the patient a child (up to age 17) with poorly-controlled asthma who resides (at least part-time) in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, or Woonsocket?

- BEAH Code Inspections are only available in these four cities.

## 2 Does the patient's family rent their home?

- Homeowners are not appropriate for the BEAH Program.
- BEAH covers Public Housing, Section 8, and private apartments.

## 3 Is it likely there is an asthma-related housing-code violation in your patient's home?

The presence of any item below may indicate a housing code violation.

Note: Mold is NOT a code violation, but things that cause mold can be violations.

- Pests:**
- Cockroaches
  - Mice/rats
  - Holes or breaks in exterior walls

- Moisture:**
- Water damage or rot
  - Leaky faucets or pipes

- Ventilation:**
- Bedrooms or living spaces without windows that can open
  - Bathrooms without vents or windows to the outside
  - Clothes dryers without exhaust vents to the outside
  - Gas stove without a vent to the outside
  - Water heater located in a bathroom or bedroom

- Heat:**
- Use of cooking appliances to provide heat
  - Use of unvented space heaters to provide heat
  - Unvented wood-burning stove or fireplace

## 4 Does the family understand BEAH and agree to the code referral?

- Share and review the *What is BEAH?* document.
- Have the parent/guardian who lives at the address sign the BEAH *Authorization to Use and Disclose Health Information* consent form.

## 5 Are there any concerns about landlord retaliation?

- Landlord retaliation is illegal. BEAH includes free legal support if needed.
- Share the *Landlord Retaliation* document for legal support information.

## 6 What can you do if the parent/guardian declines participation in BEAH?

- Share these BEAH documents:
  - For Landlords - Reducing Common Asthma Triggers*
  - For Tenants - Reducing Common Asthma Triggers*
- Refer family for asthma education and/or social services.

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