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.

For more information, contact doh.beah@health.ri.gov or call the Health Information Line at 401.222.5960 / RI Relay 711