

May 2014

**Deadline Approaching for Certificants
Whose Credentials Have Expired:
Extended to August 31, 2014**

Reminder:

- **The NAECB Board recently voted to extend the deadline (grace period) to August 31, 2014, as the final deadline for recertifying by Continuing Education credits if your AE-C credential has expired.**
- Those attending the Association of Asthma Educators (AAE) Conference in San Antonio in early August will be able to apply the CEUs from that meeting towards recertification, if they are asthma-specific and are topics found either in the NAECB's Detailed Content Outline (DCO) or the NAEP Expert Panel Report-3 (EPR-3).
- A certificant whose credentials have expired (or are about to expire) must submit all required forms, including documentation (e.g., copies of certificates) of 35 continuing education units pertaining to asthma, before the deadline of August 31, 2014, in order to be considered for recertification by continuing education units.

- **After August 31, 2014, any certificant whose credentials are currently expired will need to recertify by examination only.**

**Announcements:
Air Quality Awareness Week and
Asthma Awareness Month - May 2014**

CDC is collaborating with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to urge U.S. residents to pay attention to their local air quality during Air Quality Awareness Week, April 28-May 2, 2014. May also is Asthma Awareness Month, and May 6 is World Asthma Day.

Asthma sufferers are particularly affected by air pollution. One in 12 U.S. residents (approximately 25.5 million persons) currently has asthma, and nine persons in the United States die from asthma-related complications every day. Ozone air pollution, more common in the summer months, can trigger asthma attacks, leading to increased medication use, visits to emergency departments, and hospital admissions. Persons with asthma and other at-risk groups can use daily forecasts of the Air Quality Index to plan exercise and other outdoor activities for times when air pollution is predicted to be low. For more information, please visit: www.airnow.gov

**The 2nd Annual Indiana Statewide Asthma
Conference**

The 2nd Annual Indiana Statewide Asthma Conference will be at the Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. This year's theme is "Managing Asthma While Living and Learning" and will focus on addressing asthma basics, asthma triggers, asthma medications and asthma/ environmental policies. For more information, please visit: <http://www.injac.org>

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Asthma Network of West Michigan!

As the first asthma coalition in the State of Michigan (formed in January 1994) and one of the oldest coalitions in the nation, the Asthma Network of West Michigan is grateful for being able to provide asthma education to the West Michigan community since 1994 (including asthma case management services since 1996). The Asthma Network of West Michigan is now a nationally recognized asthma coalition and, in 2006, was designated a "National Model Asthma Program" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - one of six in the nation.

The celebration will be on Friday May 9, 2014 at Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids.

Arizona Asthma Coalition Clinical Conference Saturday, September 20, 2014

The Arizona Asthma Coalition will hold its 8th annual conference on Saturday, September 20, 2014, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. at the University of Phoenix, Tempe Campus. The theme of the conference is "Asthma and Allergy: Wheezing and Sneezing in the Desert." The conference will explore the relationship of allergy and asthma.

Congratulations to the 2014 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management winners!

Webinar: Tuesday, May 20 @ 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT
Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Question & Answer Session: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. EDT
in the AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org Discussion Forum

Join this webinar to learn how these award-winning programs built partnerships at the local, regional and federal levels to reduce environmental triggers and improve asthma health outcomes.

- **Multnomah County Health Department:** As a well-coordinated Healthy Homes program, Multnomah works with community partners to identify and deliver in-home asthma care, environmental assessments and interventions to moderate-risk and high-risk children with asthma. Multnomah advocated for direct reimbursement from managed care providers and has had recent success in negotiating with Medicaid for targeted case management.
- **Peach State Health Plan:** This teen-focused asthma program employs multimedia, bilingual education and innovative incentives to help more than 700 teens with severe asthma annually. Peach State delivers stratified disease-management services by partnering with health coaches and support services delivered in clinics, homes and schools.
- **Tufts Medical Center:** Tufts Asthma Prevention and Management Initiative (APMI) provides comprehensive, coordinated care by creating connections between clinical providers, local asthma education and environmental home-visit programs within a large Asian community to help children with asthma and assist their families in improving asthma outcomes.

May is Asthma Awareness Month

May is Asthma Awareness Month and May 6 is World Asthma Awareness day. In the United States also 26 million men, women and children suffer from asthma. Asthma can be controlled and it can't be cured.

Asthma in Children

- Asthma is one of the most common serious chronic diseases of childhood.
- Asthma is the third-ranking cause of hospitalization among children under 15.

- An average of one out of every 10 school-aged children has asthma.
- 10.5 million school days are missed each year due to asthma.

The Cost of Asthma

The annual economic cost of asthma, including direct medical costs from hospital stays and indirect costs such as lost school and work days, amount to more than \$56 billion annually.

Now is the time, if ever, to do something about the burden of asthma on our society. Celebrate **Asthma Awareness Month** by taking action to improve the health and quality of life of those who are impacted by this chronic disease.

In the Midwest we just survived the Polar Vortex and now we are faced with the Pollen Vortex. Concentrations of pollen from trees, weeds and grass, and spores from mold are already climbing into the thousands. Early predictions are calling for a worse than usual allergy season. Consult your doctor, and keep those tissues handy. Stay Well and share the breath of life.

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