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## Manchester Pediatric Associates Eversource Medical Protection Guidelines:

### Qualifications:

A patient will qualify for Eversource shut off protection for the following:

- Patients under 4 years of age:
  - On medications requiring refrigeration (insulin, injectable growth hormone)
  - Patient takes medication via nebulizer machine and has Mild intermittent Asthma with previous ER visit or admission, or any persistent asthma.
    - These patients must be up to date on asthma visits (every 6 months for intermittent, every 3 months for persistent)
- Patients over 4 years of age:
  - On medications requiring refrigeration (insulin, injectable growth hormone)
  - Patients with Persistent Asthma taking medications via nebulizer machine.
    - Persistent asthma means DAILY use of controller medication. Otherwise, diagnosis is considered intermittent.
    - Use of nebulizer over pump inhaler must be due to medical necessity (i.e., autism, developmental delay, global physical delay, etc.).
    - These patients must be up to date on asthma visits (every 3 months)
  - If a patient is not up to date on asthma visits, the patient must be seen in the office first and if appropriate, may request medical exemption at that time.
- Any Age:
  - Patient uses medical equipment that requires electricity and is necessary for the patient's safety and care. Examples: home ventilator, Hoyer lift, electric feeding tube pump, etc.

Re-evaluation of a patient's Asthma degree and diagnosis will be performed at each asthma visit. A patient's eligibility may change as the diagnosis changes and should be based solely on medical and clinical diagnosis.