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# Wisconsin's Asthma-Safe Homes Program

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# Wisconsin Asthma-Safe Homes Program

**Goal:** To improve asthma outcomes and reduce asthma-related disparities through promotion of asthma self-management and healthy living environments

**Population served:** Medicaid-eligible children and pregnant clients with uncontrolled asthma in Brown, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Rock counties

**Services provided by program providers:**

- In-home asthma education (2-6 visits)
- Home assessment to identify asthma triggers
- Durables to reduce home asthma triggers (up to \$600)
- Home remediation services in subset of referred homes (up to \$5000)



# Health Services Initiative (HSI)

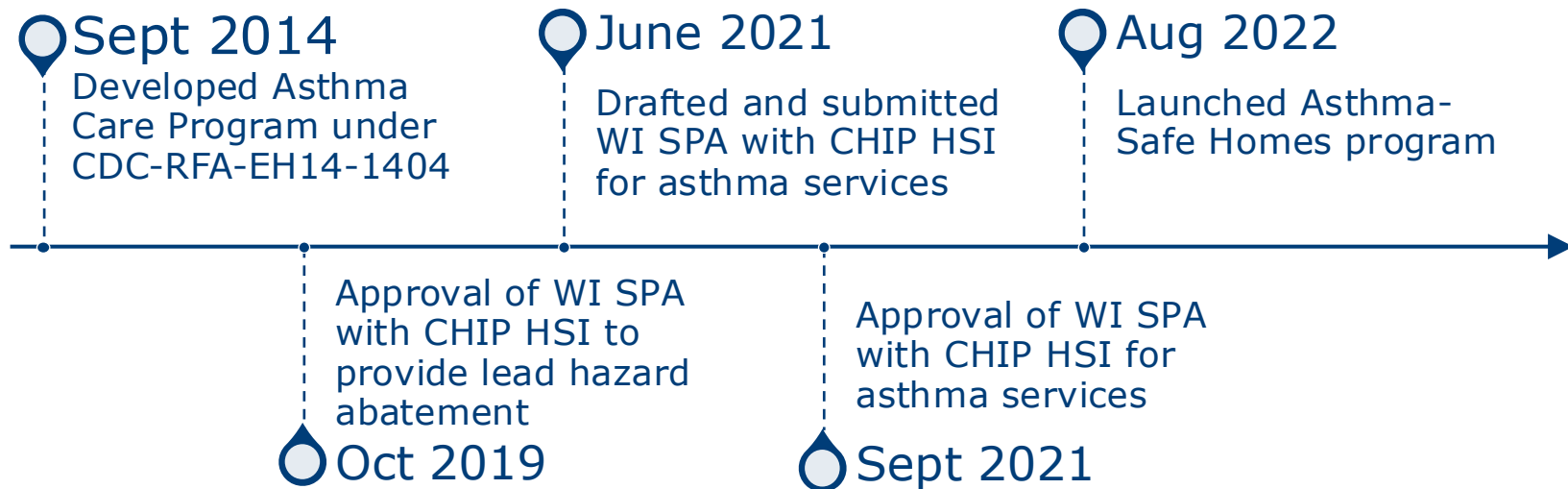
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- State option since 1990s, with flexibility to determine focus, scope and design
- Combination of CHIP and state funding required; up to 10 percent of total CHIP spending allowed
- State plan amendment (SPA) submitted, describing populations served, improvements to children's health, and updated budget



# Timeline

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# HSI Provides \$2.5 Million Annually

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- Asthma education home visits
- Durables to address home asthma triggers
- Home assessment and remediation services
- Training to expand workforce
- Program administration



# Factors Contributing to Success

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- Participated in relevant reimbursement TA opportunities.
- Conducted state pilot program.
- Collected and shared program performance metrics.



# Lessons Learned

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- Know your pitch (selling points).
- Be ready when the opportunity presents itself.
- Time and investment needed to establish program.

