

### What is the criterion?

- On the day of the review, the pharmacy can show evidence of asthma patients, for whom more than 6 short acting bronchodilator (SABA) inhalers were dispensed without any corticosteroid inhaler within a 6 month period, are referred to an appropriate health care professional for an asthma review.

### What do I need to do?

1. Assess each prescription received for a SABA inhaler without a co-prescribed steroid for referral eligibility
2. Identify an eligible either by opportunistically flagging prescriptions during the dispensing process or via mining your patient database in your PMR system
3. Obtain patient consent to share referral information with their GP practice
4. Make referral via PharmOutcomes form under 'Quality Payments - Asthma Referral' service tab

### How do I evidence this?

- Retaining (on PharmOutcomes) a completed referral form for any patients identified and appropriately referred
- Where no patients are identified for referral, the contractor will still be eligible for payment as long as they can evidence that they have been working to identify suitable patients and that they have a process in place for referral should they identify someone