

## ASTHMA

*The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this disease/condition as required by the specificity needed in ICD-10:*

- Describe the severity as mild, moderate, or severe.
- List the frequency as intermittent or persistent.
- Provide the level of exacerbation as being uncomplicated, acute, or status asthmaticus.
- Include key terms such as allergic, allergic bronchitis, allergic rhinitis with asthma, atopic asthma, extrinsic allergic asthma, intrinsic non-allergic asthma, idiosyncratic asthma, exercise-induced bronchospasm, and cough-variant asthma.
- Detail external forces to establish a cause and effect Relationship (e.g., detergent asthma, coal miner's asthma, asthma due to dusts, etc.).
- Include any exposure to tobacco smoke.