



Patient Advocacy: Finding the Center

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Education Advocacy Outreach

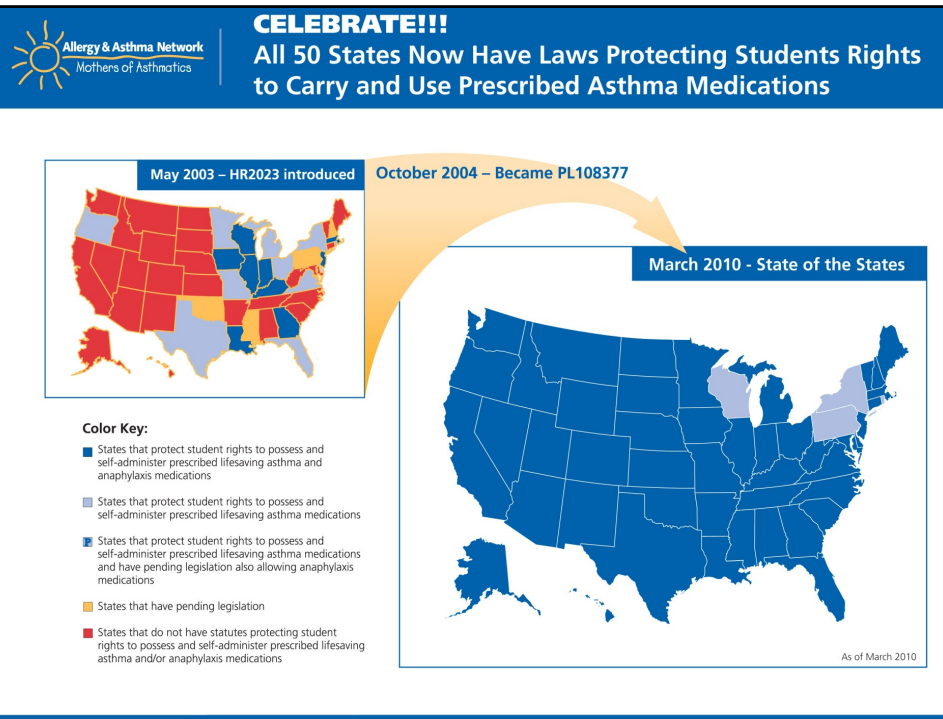
HR 2023 – We Made It!
Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2004

chasm
consumer health alliance
for safe medication



Legislation

- ▶ ASTHMA ACT of 2004 – HR 2023 encouraged states to enact laws protecting students rights to carry and self-administer prescribed lifesaving **asthma** and **anaphylaxis** medications.
 - ▶ Worked with 28 stakeholder organizations and Congressional Champions
 - ▶ Passed unanimously through House and Senate and signed into law in 18 months
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- ▶ 50 states protect students with asthma
 - ▶ 47 states protect students with anaphylaxis



Policy

- ▶ Illegal manufacturing under the guise of traditional pharmacy compounding
- ▶ Formed Consumer Health Alliance for Safe Medication (CHASM)
- ▶ Worked with federal agencies and congressional members
- ▶ CMS changed reimbursement policy – no longer reimburses for compounded nebulizer drugs

What's Next?

- ▶ Ensure all patients have access to NIH and NAIID Guideline level.
- ▶ Change policy regarding pharmacy/third party substitution of prescribed medications and devices without patient and provider approval.
- ▶ Provide access to life saving medications at work, school and play.
- ▶ Monitor proposed changes that might affect future MDI's



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