

December 30, 2015

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Dear Provider:

**RE: Blood Lead Guidelines to Address the City of Flint Residents' Potential Exposure to Lead**

Michigan Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines require children to be tested for blood lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age, and between 36 and 72 months of age if the child has not been previously tested as indicated by the Medicaid Provider Manual. The Manual is located at: [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >> Policy and Forms.

Due to the enhanced public health issue of an increased risk for lead exposure in the City of Flint, providers have been advised to follow enhanced guidelines for lead testing in children:

- Providers should screen ALL children (regardless of Medicaid/insurance status) between 0 and 6 years of age that may have been exposed to the City of Flint drinking water after April 2014. Note: This includes all children less than 1 year of age and children between 3 and 6 years of age.
- If the child has already been screened since April 2014 by a capillary test, providers should follow-up on any elevated levels greater than 5 mcg/dl to ensure confirmatory venous testing is conducted.
- Providers should utilize the standard Blood Lead Level (BLL) Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers located at: [www.mi.gov/documents/deq/ProviderQuickReference\\_Sept2015\\_501831\\_7.pdf?20151204122739](http://www.mi.gov/documents/deq/ProviderQuickReference_Sept2015_501831_7.pdf?20151204122739).
- All clients with blood lead levels greater than 5 mcg/dl should be referred for case management coordinated through the Genesee County Health Department.
- Providers should inquire about the use of a drinking water filter and/or bottled water by all clients residing within the Flint city limits.
- Providers should inquire about other potential sources of lead within the household per the current recommendations of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's Statewide Lead Testing/Lead Screening Plan. The Statewide Lead Testing/Lead Screening Plan is located at: [www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/testing-screening071009\\_287511\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/testing-screening071009_287511_7.pdf).

Lead testing performed using these enhanced testing guidelines is covered as a Medicaid EPSDT service. Providers should contact the beneficiary's Medicaid health plan for additional assistance if needed. Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director  
Medical Services Administration