

July 25, 2016

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Dear Provider:

Medicaid coverage is now available to children and pregnant women in Flint with household income up to and including 400% of the federal poverty level as part of the ongoing efforts to help people affected by the Flint water crisis. Those eligible for coverage include children up to the age of 21 who are being served, or who were served, by Flint's water system between April 2014 and a date to be determined in the future. Pregnant women and children born to women who were served by the Flint water system during the specified time period are also eligible. An individual was served by the Flint water system if he or she consumed water from the Flint water system, and

- Resided in a dwelling connected to this system, or
- Had employment at a location served by this system, or
- Received child care or education at a location connected to this system.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will work to ensure the developmental and behavioral needs of all children eligible for Medicaid coverage are addressed. Medicaid coverage for individuals determined to be eligible for this new eligibility category includes family supports coordination (referred to as targeted case management in the approved demonstration waiver) that assists beneficiaries in gaining access to appropriate medical, educational, social, and/or other services. The purpose of family supports coordination is to provide a comprehensive array of services that include assessments, planning, linkage, advocacy, care coordination, referral, monitoring, and follow-up activities. In collaboration with the primary care provider (PCP) and the Medicaid health plan (MHP), it is expected that the supports coordinator will facilitate and coordinate referrals and related activities to assist the beneficiary in obtaining needed services.

The Michigan Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines indicate that developmental/behavioral screening/assessment is required:

- At each scheduled EPSDT well-child visit from birth through adolescence as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule; and
- During any other preventive health care well-child visits when there are parent/guardian and/or provider concerns.

The PCP should screen all children for developmental and behavioral concerns, including engaging in risky behavior, using a validated and standardized screening tool as indicated by the AAP periodicity schedule. The AAP periodicity schedule is located at: www.aap.org >> Professional Resources >> Clinical Support >> Bright Futures >> Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care in Practice.

Due to the increased risk for lead exposure in the city of Flint, it is advised that each child be screened by their PCP using the following screenings/assessments as indicated by the AAP.

Developmental Screening

The AAP requires developmental screening for children at 9, 18 and 30 (or 24) months of age. The following tools can be used to complete a developmental screening:

- The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ 3) can be used for children 1 month to 5 years and 6 months of age.
- The Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) can be used for children birth to 7 years and 11 months of age.

The screening tool may be completed by the parent/guardian and interpreted by the PCP. There are organizations in Flint that are performing developmental screenings (generally the ASQ 3) for very young children. If the PCP is made aware that a developmental screening has been completed and the results are provided, depending on when the screen was administered, the PCP may choose to repeat the screen and/or follow up on areas of concern previously identified. If the developmental screening is positive for children under the age of 36 months, PCPs should refer the child to Early On® at 1-810-591-KIDS or 1-800-EarlyOn. More information can be found at: www.1800EarlyOn.org. The appropriate current procedural terminology (CPT) code used to report the administration of a developmental screening is 96110.

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Screening

The AAP requires autism screening for children at 18 and 24 months of age. The following tools can be used to complete an ASD screening:

- The Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT), or the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-up (M-CHAT-R/F) can be used at 18 and 24 months of age.
- The Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ) can be used for children 4 years of age and older with a mental age greater than 2 years of age.

The M-CHAT, M-CHAT-R/F, or the SCQ can be used for children 24 months of age and older who have not been screened for ASD. For children 30 months through 4 years of age, the more applicable of the two screening tools should be administered. The screening tool may be completed by the parent/guardian and interpreted by the PCP. The appropriate CPT code used to report the administration of an autism screening is 96110.

Social-Emotional/Behavioral Health Screening

Children should be observed to detect social-emotional and behavior issues. The following tools can be used to complete a social-emotional/behavioral health screen/assessment:

- The Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social-Emotional 2 (ASQ-SE 2) can be used for children 1 month to 6 years of age.
- The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) can be used for children 3 to 16 years of age.
- The Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) can be used for children over 4 to 18 years of age.
- The PSC Checklist for Youth, a self-report measure for adolescents, can be utilized for youth over 13 years of age.

The screening tool may be completed by the parent/guardian and interpreted by the PCP. The appropriate CPT code used to report the administration of a social-emotional/behavioral health screening is 96127.

Depression Screening

The AAP requires a depression screening to be performed annually for all children and adolescents who are 11 years of age and older. The following tools can be used to complete a depression screening:

- The Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ-2)
- The Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9): Modified for Teens

Other screening tools are available in the Guidelines for Adolescent Depression in Primary Care (GLAD-PC) toolkit and the Mental Health Screening and Assessment Tools for Primary Care. The appropriate CPT code used to report the administration of a depression screening is 96127.

Alcohol/Drug Use Assessment

An alcohol and drug use assessment is required to be performed annually at each preventive health care well child visit beginning at 11 years of age or when there are circumstances suggesting the possibility of substance abuse beginning at an earlier age. A risk assessment includes screening for tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. The following tool can be used to complete an alcohol/drug use assessment:

- The Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends, Trouble (CRAFT)

The administration of an alcohol/drug use assessment is performed as part of a preventive medicine evaluation and management (E&M) service or problem-oriented E&M service and is not separately reimbursed.

Referral

If the screening is positive or suspected problems are observed, further evaluation must be completed by the PCP, or the child must be referred for a prompt follow-up assessment to identify any further health needs. If the autism screen, social-emotional/behavioral health screen, depression screen, and/or alcohol and drug use assessment is positive, or there are suspected problems, the PCP may utilize the Behavioral Health Clinician in or linked to your practice for further assessment or determination of referral sources. If the PCP does not have access to a Behavioral Health Clinician, they should contact the **Genesee Health System (Community Mental Health) Access Center at 1-810-257-3740** to learn more about resources available or to arrange for an assessment. The PCP may also refer the beneficiary to the Genesee Health System for any needed family supports coordination.

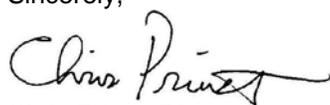
Reimbursement

The PCP may bill for up to three screenings administered during a well child visit using the appropriate CPT codes for screenings/assessments for beneficiaries younger than 21 years of age. These CPT codes include:

- 96110: Developmental screening (e.g., developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screen), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument. Appropriate code for the administration of the ASQ 3, PEDS, M-CHAT, M-CHAT-R/F, or the SCQ screening tool.
- 96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment (e.g. depression inventory, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD] scale), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument. Appropriate code for the administration of the ASQ-SE 2, SDQ, PSC, PHQ-2, or PHQ-9 screening tool.

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. 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 at 800-292-2550.

Sincerely,



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