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Dear Provider:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sending this mailing to alert you to two health studies being conducted in your practice area that your patients may be participating in. These studies are called the Michigan PFAS Exposure and Health Study (MiPEHS; pronounced my-pezh) and the Multi-Site Health Study (MSS). They aim to evaluate the relationship between exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and human health outcomes.

Eligible study participants will be seen in study offices to have their body measurements taken, provide information about their medical history, and provide a blood sample. Certain participants might undergo additional tests, provide a urine sample, and/or have their household drinking water sampled.

What you can expect if your patients participate:

- **Health Care Provider Blood Draw Authorization Form**
As early as December 2020, study participants with certain underlying conditions will bring a Health Care Provider Blood Draw Authorization Form for you to fill out, giving your determination as to whether they can safely undergo a blood draw by a trained phlebotomist. A sample Health Care Provider Blood Draw Authorization Form is included in this mailer for your reference.
- **Questions from participants about study lab results**
Participants can choose to receive their results for PFAS and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) measured in their blood and will receive their results for biomarkers, such as cholesterol, glucose, hemoglobin A1C, and markers of liver and kidney function. Participants may be directed by the MDHHS research team to discuss certain results with their provider. MDHHS toxicologist and physician staff members are available to support these discussions by answering questions and providing additional resources.
- **Medical Records Abstraction Form**
For participants in MSS, a Medical Records Abstraction Form will be mailed to your office for completion in late 2021. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in filling out and returning this form.

How to learn more:

- Call our research line at 844-464-7327 to reach MDHHS toxicologist and physician staff members.
- Visit our study website at Michigan.gov/DEHbio and click on MiPEHS or MSS.
- Find the latest PFAS information for clinicians from the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/resources.
- A **Participant Recruitment Fact Sheet** and **Participant Recruitment Poster** are included in this mailer for you to post in your office if you are willing. They provide information on the studies, eligibility requirements, and how potential participants can enroll. If you would like to request additional posters or fact sheets free of charge, please email us at MDHHS-PFAShealthstudy@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your assistance with supporting your patients' participation in health studies to expand public health knowledge on PFAS and foster a healthier Michigan for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kory Groetsch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "G".

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