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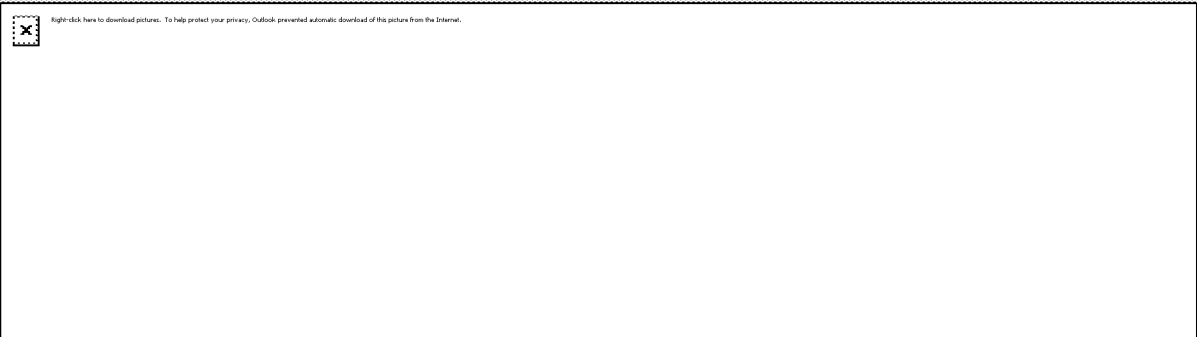
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I received this from the Genesee County Medical Society yesterday. I am thinking this went out to all members.

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Enhanced Blood Lead Level Screening Provider Message
December 10, 2015

Michigan Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines require children to be tested for blood lead poisoning at 12 months and 24 months, and between the ages of 36-72 months if not previously tested (<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch-medicaid/manuals/MedicaidProviderManual.pdf>). 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) aged 0-6 years of age exposed to Flint city drinking water after April 2014. Note: this includes all children younger than 1 year and children between the ages of 3-6 years.
- ? If the child has already been screened within the time period of April 2014-present by a capillary test, healthcare providers should follow-up on any elevated levels >5mcg/dl to ensure confirmatory venous testing is conducted.
- ? Utilize the standard Blood Lead Level (BLL) Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers at http://www.mi.gov/documents/deq/ProviderQuickReference_Sept2015_501631_7.pdf?20151204122739
- ? All clients with blood lead levels greater than 5mcg/dl should be referred for case management coordinated through Genesee County Health Department. Providers can make referrals for case management at 810-257-3833
- ? Providers should inquire about use of a drinking water filter and/or bottled water in all clients residing in city limits. Clients and providers can call 2-1-1 for locations for filter distribution.
- ? All people with Flint water should be advised to eat regular meals with a diet high in calcium, iron and Vitamin C to decrease lead absorption, mitigate the effects of lead exposure and to enhance the excretion of lead.
- ? Healthcare providers should inquire about other potential sources of lead in the household per current recommendations (see: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/testing-screening071009_287511_7.pdf)
- ? Additional information and updates on Flint water are available at: www.michigan.gov/flintwater and www.gchd.us

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