
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Peter Levine
Cc: Mona Hanna-Attisha; Reynolds, Lawrence (LawrenceR@mottchc.org); Johnson, M.D., Gary
Subject: FW: Provider Message- Enhanced Blood Lead Screening- December 10, 2015
Attachments: Provider Letter_Flint Enhanced Blood Lead Level Testing Message_FINAL Dec10.docx

Good afternoon,

Attached again is the provider message regarding enhanced testing, and the need for providers to ask their Flint resident clients about whether they have had lead testing (particularly targeted to children 0-6) as well as whether they have filters. I have heard a few reports (anecdotal) that clients are having to ask providers for testing, or that they are not being asked if they have filters.

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Eden Wells <ewells@umich.edu>
Subject: Fw: Provider Message- Enhanced Blood Lead Screening- December 10, 2015

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:37 AM
To: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Valacak, Mark; Henry, Craig (DHHS)
Cc: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Miller, Corinne (DHHS); Eggleston, Debbie (DHHS); Slawinski, Heather (DHHS); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS); LaRocco, Toni; McShane, Hilda; Mona Hanna-Attisha; Lawrence Reynolds; Scott, Linda (DHHS); Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Subject: Provider Message- Enhanced Blood Lead Screening- December 10, 2015

Good morning,

Please see the attached message that has been cleared for dissemination to Flint providers.

Genesee County will blast fax and use their professional networks (GCMS, etc.) to disseminate to all providers.

I have CC'd Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Dr. Reynolds here, and they can distribute through their networks as well.

Our Medicaid program will be working with the local health plans about lead screening recommendations based upon this message.

This will also go out as a low-alert from our Health Alert Network to appropriate Flint sites/providers, so I have CC'd Craig Henry.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,

Eden

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From: Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS); Valacak, Mark
Cc: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
Subject: RE: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Thank you. Dr. Wells—please have your folks add this language to the HAN.

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Valacak, Mark <MVALACAK@gchd.us>
Cc: Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasergh@michigan.gov>; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <MinicuciA@michigan.gov>; Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Thanks, Mark! Looping in our Comms folks

Eden V. Wells, MD, MPH, FACPM
MDHHS
Sent from my iPad

On Dec 10, 2015, at 8:49 AM, Valacak, Mark <MVALACAK@gchd.us> wrote:
Dr. Carravallah of our Board of Health suggested adding a line.

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.

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From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 7:12 PM
To: Valacak, Mark
Cc: LaRocco, Toni; McShane, Hilda
Subject: Re: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Hi all – still awaiting final clearance from our communications office – I will send you notice of what is going out and when and all of that once we know! Have a nice evening, eden

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2015, at 1:11 PM, Valacak, Mark <MVALACAK@gchd.us> wrote:
Maybe add a point " Additional information and updates on Flint water is available at http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313_3675_73946---,00.html and www.gchd.us

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From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Toni LaRocco
Cc: Valacak, Mark; McShane, Hilda
Subject: RE: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Great, thank you!! DO you know if this is it- CC'ing Mark and Hilda to be sure, as then will run through Medicaid and back to you with final version?

From: Toni LaRocco [mailto:gobluegirl521@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:22 PM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Hi Eden,

Below are the only other two things I can think of:

physicians can make referrals for case management at 810-257-3833

Call 2-1-1 for locations for filter distribution

Toni

On Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 12:16 PM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Corinne (DHHS)" <MillerC39@michigan.gov>

Date: December 9, 2015 at 11:01:26 AM EST

To: "mvalacak@gchd.us" <mvalacak@gchd.us>

Cc: "hmcshane@gchd.us" <hmcshane@gchd.us>, "Wells, Eden (DHHS)" <WellsE3@michigan.gov>

Subject: request review of language for provider HAN on enhanced EBL testing

Sending on behalf of Eden Wells:

Requesting review of proposed language below for HAN to providers regarding enhanced EBL testing.

Thanks! Corinne Miller, MDHHS State Epidemiologist

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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_501831_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 should inquire about use of a drinking water filter and/or bottled water in all clients residing in city limits.
- 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)