
From: Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)
Cc: Moran, Susan (DHHS); Wells, Eden (DHHS); Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Becker, Timothy (DHHS); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS); Stiffler, Kathleen A. (DHHS); Fink, Brenda (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS); Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)
Subject: Re: Testing Children

Yes, we just confirmed that Genesee County Health Department IS providing free lead testing to any child, 0-18 years, who lives in Flint.

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On Oct 7, 2015, at 2:10 PM, Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov> wrote:

Does the Genesee County health department provide testing to non-Medicaid children.

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On Oct 7, 2015, at 1:54 PM, Peeler, Nancy (DHHS) <PeelerN@michigan.gov> wrote:

In response to the request for information about testing for children not enrolled in Medicaid:

--While Medicaid requires testing for lead, there is no mandate in Michigan for testing children not enrolled in Medicaid. A bill for universal screening/testing for all children was introduced in our Legislature (Rep. Stallworth).

--Screening for lead risk factors (which would indicate the need for a blood lead test) would be considered part of the well-child visit, and is recommended in the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule. If the screening indicates reason to do a blood test, to our knowledge, private insurance does cover blood lead testing for children enrolled in their insurance plans.

--In some areas, local health departments will also provide testing for non-Medicaid enrolled children.

--As with many components on the Periodicity Schedule, primary care providers may not be well informed about lead testing and lead hazards, so many not be conducting the screenings or ordering the testing or know how to follow-up on test results.

--In an attempt to increase provider knowledge, CLPPP has been working with a Provider workgroup, and has been developing resources and strategies to improve education for Primary Care Providers. For example, Dr. Wells recently recorded a basic education webinar about lead (intended to be available on the MDHHS YouTube page; it is undergoing final review), and we have new a Provider Quick Reference document we are starting to use (on our website) that talks about screening/testing, as well as what steps a Primary Care Provider should take based on the results of a test.

Nancy

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On Oct 7, 2015, at 12:10 PM, Moran, Susan (DHHS) <MoranS@michigan.gov> wrote:

Nancy- could you provide a response, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)" <lasherg@michigan.gov>
Date: October 7, 2015 at 11:19:46 AM EDT
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Cc: "Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)" <GrijalvaN@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Testing Children

Kathy--we need some language from explaining how Medicaid already covers EBL testing for children in their plans. Also if you have data from health plans in Flint indicating how those plans do in terms of the number of children testing?

Sue--we will need language from your area discussing what could be done with non-Medicaid children and how they are tested for EBL.

Thanks--g

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Lyon, Nick (DHHS) <LyonN2@michigan.gov>; Becker, Timothy (DHHS) <beckert1@michigan.gov>; Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov>; Moran, Susan (DHHS) <MoranS@michigan.gov>; Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS) <HertelE@michigan.gov>
Cc: Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS) <GrijalvaN@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Testing Children

I have gotten another new title---from Medical Exec to Medical Examiner to Deputy Mental Health....

Just advise how I should respond---and when,

Eden