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Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 10:29 AM

To: Wells, Eden (DHHS); Miller, Corinne (DHHS); Stiffler, Kathleen A. (DHHS); Eggleston, Debbie (DHHS)

Subject: RE: draft for lead testing by providers in Flint

Dear Flint Healthcare Provider,

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-medicare/manuals/MedicaidProviderManual.pdf>). Due to the enhanced public health issue of an increased risk for lead exposure in the City of Flint, **providers are advised to follow enhanced guidelines for lead testing in children:**

- Providers should screen all children 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.
- 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 MI Testing Strategy document xxxxxxxxx)
- The enhanced lead testing guidelines should be followed until the public health advisory is no longer in effect as determined by the Genesee County Health Department.
- Resources are available at:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and www.michigan.gov/flintwater
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From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)

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Subject: draft for lead testing by providers in Flint

Before being sent to communications committee, a draft--thoughts?:

Dear Flint Healthcare Provider,

Current lead testing is required for all Medicaid and WIC recipients at ages 1 and 2 years statewide. Due to the enhanced public health issue of an increased risk for lead exposure in the City of Flint, healthcare providers enhance screening for lead poisoning:

- Providers should screen all children aged 0-6 years of age exposed to Flint city drinking water April 2014.
- This recommendation is expanded to include Flint children aged 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.

- 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 MI Testing Strategy document xxxxxxxx)
- This policy is in place until drinking water is deemed safe to drink by the Genesee County Health Department.
- Resources are available at ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and www.michigan.gov/flintwater
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