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Network Notification

Notice Date:	**September 13, 2019**
To:	**Indiana Medicaid**
From:	**CareSource**
Subject:	**Lead Screening for Children**

Summary

CareSource is notifying you about Federal mandates and State of Indiana requirements for blood lead screening and test results reporting, including coding guidance.

In partnership with our providers, CareSource wants to ensure that each child receives this important lead testing. CareSource is dedicated to this initiative by providing Hoosier Healthwise (HHW) parents/guardians education, reminders, and the ability to receive $10 in gift cards through our Babies First incentive program if lead testing is completed by 15 months. However, we cannot be successful alone.

Impact

As a partner in care, you are a critical link to our members' health and well-being. Your practice will have the support of CareSource to connect your patients to the testing and care they need. Your communication about the importance of lead testing to your patients is a critical way to engage them and set them up for success in development and life.

Importance

The significance of this testing is well-known, but we want to be the best partner in our members' care and access at this critical point in their development. Additionally, this testing is federally mandated and the State of Indiana has requested reporting by all Pediatric Clinics, Head Start Programs, Day Care facilities and Local Health Departments.

Currently, only about 50% of our members, approaching 2 years of age, have been verified through claims or State of Indiana data to have received this blood lead test. We want to increase this to 100% for the well-being and future success of these children.

FAQs

Q: What are the Federally mandated requirements?
A: Federal law requires a blood level measurement at 12 and 24 months of age for children enrolled in Medicaid. Children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old must receive a blood test immediately if they have not previously been tested for lead poisoning.
- *Children at high risk for lead exposure should tested sooner, at 6 or 9-month visit*

Q: What is required by the State of Indiana?
A: "Indiana requires if a person examines the blood of an individual [at any age] for the presence of lead, they must report the results of the examination not later than one (1) week after completing the examination to the ISDH. The report must include the following information." *- Retrieved from LHHD Laboratory Reporting Form (which is attached)*

Q: How do I correctly submit a claim for this testing?
A: Always submit a claim for this testing. Use CPT code 83655. Always gather the results for the patient's file including date of the test and results. If using an outside lab, do not rely on them to submit results to the State, as this does not always happen.

Q: What is the CareSource Babies First incentive program?
A: CareSource members that are pregnant or recently gave birth can sign up at any time for the Babies First incentive program. They are able to earn up to $200 by attending prenatal visits, postpartum visit, well baby visits and lead testing by 15 months. Members can sign up by calling Member Services or on their own by completing the registration form located at **CareSource.com** > Benefits and Services > Additional Services > Babies First.

Q: Does CareSource provide services for those identified with elevated blood lead levels?
A: Yes, CareSource has a care management team (Care4U) available to assist our members and their parents/guardians in further understanding, education, and management of this issue.

Questions?
Please refer to the attached documents created by ISDH or visit https://www.in.gov/isdh/26552.htm

The ISDH provides filter paper cards, postage-paid business reply envelopes, and venous mailing tubes at no charge to health care providers for specimen collection and transport in support of the Maternal and Child Health Program.

Attached:

ISDH Lead Screening Requirements and Medical Management Recommendations

Lead and Healthy Homes Division (LHHD): *Laboratory Reporting Form*