

CLPPP Updates Nurse Administrator Forum Meeting

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Overview

- Lead Legislative Updates
- Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) Update
- Non-Medicaid Nurse Case Management Reimbursement
- Community Health Worker Reimbursement
- Blood Lead Testing Update
- Questions

Representative Rachel Hood's Bill Package

- Total of 10 bills proposed
 - 4 bills require updated blood lead level boilerplate
 - Updating reference value to align with CDC recommendations
 - Auto eligibility for Early On when blood exceeds 5mcg/dL
 - Continuing Ed for Physicians
 - Update public health code to 5 mcg/dL
 - Require coverage for lead screening for children up to age 6, on Medicaid, or MiChild
 - Requires lead testing for vulnerable populations
 - Make changes required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue authorization for the lead abatement and Pre-Renovation Education (PRE) programs

BLRV Update

October 28th: CDC updated BLRV

- Updates to provider facing materials
- Early On adopts new BRLV as eligibility criteria
- Meeting with Medicaid

November

December

- Medicaid updating provider manual
- Provider materials in review
- MDHHS preparing projected impact data for local health departments

- Provider packets will be sent with updated BLRV
- Medicaid 100-day waiting period begins
- Outreach to labs

January

Feb-April

- •Work to prepare for expanding services to children with BLL ≥ 3.5 µg/dL
- Once Medicaid approves policy, LHD can begin billing for NCM at new BLRV for Medicaid-enrolled children

MDHHS
uses New
BLRV for all
programs

Policy Updates





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Subject: Update of Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) and Recommendations

on the Medical Management of Childhood Lead Exposure

Effective: May 1, 2022

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, Children's Special Health

Care Services

Reimbursement Updates

Nurse Case Management

- All Non-Medicaid visits on or after May 1
- 6 visits @ rate of \$201.58
- Budget Amounts

Community Health Worker

- All Medicaid and Non-Medicaid visits on or after May 1
- Child must have venous confirmatory BLL 3.5µg/dL and higher
- 2 visits per family @ rate of \$100

HAN Change in Acceptability of Blood Lead Filter Paper Specimens for Testing

After careful consideration, the Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has determined that it is necessary to discontinue accepting filter paper specimens as a screening collection option for blood lead analysis. As a result, the last day that filter paper specimens will be accepted by the laboratory is April 24, 2022.

The BOL will continue to accept capillary blood specimens collected into microtainers and venous blood specimens collected into vacutainers for blood lead analysis.

This change in the testing menu at the BOL is a result of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) update of the blood lead reference value (BLRV) from 5 μ g/dL to 3.5 μ g/dL. The filter paper method used at the MDHHS BOL, at the lower level of 3.5 μ g/dL, lacks the robustness expected of methods used by BOL. Previously submitted specimens, at the 5 μ g/dL level, are not affected.

Effective May 1, 2022, the BOL will adopt the CDC's BLRV of 3.5 μg/dL. This change will be reflected on laboratory reports. Additional guidance for interpreting the results can be found on the Mi Lead Safe website Mi Lead Safe - For Healthcare Providers (michigan.gov) and Blood Lead Level (BLL) Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers (michigan.gov).

References regarding these changes are listed below:

Blood Lead Reference Value | Lead | CDC

Update of the Blood Lead Reference Value — United States, 2021 | MMWR (cdc.gov)

For questions or concerns, please contact Kelley Freed at Freedk1@michigan.gov or 517-335-8357.

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