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Department of Health Care Finance



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TO: All DC Medicaid Providers
FROM: Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director and State Medicaid Director
DATE: October 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Lead Screening and Reporting Requirements in the District of Columbia

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform District Medicaid Providers of blood lead screening, reporting, and case management requirements. The Department of Health Care Finance and Department of Energy and Environment jointly issue the attached letter ahead of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Background

Local and national data suggest that missed well-child visits during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic led to a decrease in routine preventive medical services. In this challenging time, it remains critical for pediatric Medicaid beneficiaries to get the full Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services benefit, including well-child visits (in person and through telemedicine), routine vaccination, and blood lead level screening.

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