

Provider Link

To: CPMG Providers

From: Children's Physicians Medical Group, Inc. (CPMG)

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Re: **Blood Lead Level Screening Reminder**

According to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Primary Care Providers (PCPs) are required to conduct Blood Lead Level Screenings for all assigned Medi-Cal members between the ages of 6 months and 6 years.

As a reminder, the specific requirements are:

1. *Provide oral or written anticipatory guidance to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a child that, at a minimum, includes information that children can be harmed by exposure to lead, especially deteriorating or disturbed lead-based paint and the dust from it, and are particularly at risk of lead poisoning from the time the child begins to crawl until 72 months of age. This anticipatory guidance must be provided to the parent or guardian at each periodic health assessment, starting at 6 months of age and continuing until 72 months of age.*
2. *Order or perform blood lead screening tests on all children in accordance with the following:*
 - *At 12 months and at 24 months of age*
 - *When a provider becomes aware that a child who is 12 to 24 months of age has no documented evidence of a blood lead screening test taken at 12 months of age or thereafter.*
 - *When a provider becomes aware that a child who is 24 to 72 months of age has no documented evidence of a blood lead screening test taken.*
 - *At any time a change in circumstances has, in the professional judgment of the provider, put the child at risk.*
 - *If requested by the parent or guardian.*

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact CPMG Provider Relations at providerrelations@rchsd.org or phone (858) 634-4954.

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