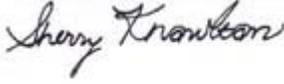


	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
	SUBJECT Environmental Lead Investigations	BY  Sherry Knowlton Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, in compliance with provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA '89), will provide reimbursement for environmental investigations to determine the source of lead contamination for recipients under 21 years of age who are diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels.

SCOPE:

While this bulletin contains information pertinent to all health care professionals who may come in contact with individuals, under 21 years of age, diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level, as defined in the current CDC statement "Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children", it pertains specifically to medical assistance payment for the environmental investigations. Health professionals who meet the necessary requirements and are part of a DOH-funded Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) project are eligible for enrollment as a provider in the Medical Assistance Program.

BACKGROUND:

Lead poisoning is one of the most common and widespread health problems among children. It is particularly detrimental to brain development and the nervous system.

Since elevated blood levels have a direct impact on a child's health, locating the source of lead contamination is considered an integral part of the management and treatment of a Medicaid-eligible child diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level.

Under provisions of OBRA '89, states are required to provide coverage for medical and health-related services furnished to eligible individuals under 21 years of age whether or not the services are currently covered under the State Medicaid Plan.

Therefore, in compliance with the provisions of OBRA '89, environmental investigations to determine the source of lead are compensable under the Medical Assistance Program for Medicaid-eligible recipients under 21 years of age who are diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level.

"An environmental investigation unit of service" is the assessment of the environment of the child who has an elevated blood lead level, primarily by using a portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer on all painted surfaces; an interview with the family of the child to gather basic information about the habits of the child; and written recommendations to the owner of the house/apartment for the immediate and permanent removal or reduction of the lead sources. The unit of service is limited to the permanent address of the same child.

MA Recipient Eligibility Requirements - Any MA eligible categorically needy or medically needy recipient under the age of 21, who is diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level, and for whom an environmental investigation is recommended, is eligible for an environmental investigation to determine the source of the lead contamination. The recipient must be eligible for medical assistance on the day the environmental investigation is conducted as a condition for reimbursement.

MA Provider Requirements - As a medical assistance participation requirement, only qualified health professionals who are part of a DOH-funded CLPPP project are eligible for reimbursement for on-site environmental lead investigations under the Medical Assistance Program. Some of the requirements of the DOH-funded CLPPP project include an overall plan, screening protocol, an environmental plan, case management, and training to use the portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer.

LIMITS:

Environmental investigations to determine the source of lead must be patient specific. This means a Medicaid-eligible child must be diagnosed with an elevated blood lead level in order for medical assistance to allow reimbursement for the environmental investigation.

The environmental investigation is limited to the child's home. Other buildings which the child may frequent are not included. If the child attends a day care center or a school which may be the source of lead exposure, medical assistance reimbursement is not available for investigating these types of commercial or public buildings. Investigation of a building such as a school would be considered a community activity involving more than one diagnosed child with an elevated blood lead level, and therefore, would not be directed to an individual Medicaid-eligible child. Other sources of funding, such as the public or county health department, must be utilized for such dwellings.

Reimbursement will only be made for the actual environmental investigation. Medical assistance reimbursement is not available for other non-medical activities such as testing of substances (water, paint, etc.) which are sent to a laboratory for analysis, removal or abatement of lead sources, or for providing alternate housing for the child during abatement. Medicaid funds are only available for services determined to be medical in nature. Removal of the lead source or providing alternate housing are activities appropriately funded through other federal, state, and/or local entities.

Reimbursement for the environmental investigations will be made to the DOH-funded CLPPP projects billing through the Department of Public Welfare's Medical Assistance Management Information System, as follows:

<u>TYPE SERVICE</u>	<u>PROCEDURE CODE</u>	<u>TERMINOLOGY</u>	<u>FEE</u>
ES	W0080	Environmental Investigation	\$150.00

Since elevated blood lead levels have a significant impact on the health and development of children, we encourage all providers, who come in contact with children for whom an environmental investigation may be appropriate, to be aware of the availability of this additional service. All children identified with elevated blood-lead levels as defined in the current CDS statement "Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children", should be referred to one of the following for purposes of scheduling an environmental investigation: the local county or municipal health department, the local state health center, or the local DOH-funded CLPPP project. (Please see the attached list of telephone numbers and addresses).

Information in this bulletin should be used in conjunction with Bulletin 1241-93-01, Centers for Disease Control Blood Lead Testing, dated September 3, 1993.

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