National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: October 20–26, 2019

Each year, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) is held to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness in an effort to reduce childhood exposure to lead.

Here are some quick facts:

- All Medicaid members are required to be tested for lead levels.
- All Medicaid-eligible children are considered at risk for lead toxicity and MUST receive blood lead level screening tests for lead poisoning starting at 9 months of age, as well as other ages based on history and risk assessment.
- Primary care practitioners (PCPs) are REQUIRED (regardless of responses to the lead screening questions) to ensure that children be screened for lead toxicity from 9 months to 18 months and again from 2 to 6 years of age. Risk questions should be asked at every visit thereafter.
- Keystone First members with a venous lead draw showing an elevated blood level of ≥5 µl/dl, are eligible for an environmental lead investigation.

To help you comply with these standards PCPs are reimbursed for blood level screening services, if they are performed in your office and utilize the MEDTOX process.

MEDTOX Laboratories provides PCPs with supplies to conduct convenient in-office blood level screenings, via finger sticks, as well the mailing supplies to return the samples back to MEDTOX for testing and processing. PCPs that utilize this process are reimbursed a $10.00 fee after submitting a claim with the CPT Code 83655.

Visit our website at [www.keystonefirstpa.com→Providers→Resources→Lead Level](http://www.keystonefirstpa.com→Providers→Resources→Lead Level) for the complete process and appropriate forms. Should you have any questions please reach out to your Provider Account Executive or Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007.