



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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To: Local Health Departments
 Managed Care Organizations
 Maryland Department of the Environment
 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

From: Jill Spector, Director 
 Medical Benefits Management

Re: Coverage of Lead Environmental Investigations for Medicaid and MCHP Enrollees,
 Effective September 1, 2019

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Effective September 1, 2019, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)-accredited Lead Paint Risk Assessors are eligible for reimbursement for environmental lead investigations performed for Medicaid-enrolled children with an elevated blood lead (EBL) level of greater than or equal to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reference level of five micrograms per deciliter ($\geq 5\mu\text{g/dL}$). Lead assessors will no longer be required to have enforcement authority in order to bill Maryland Medicaid.

Maryland Medicaid will reimburse MDE-accredited lead paint risk assessors for environmental investigations for all children under age 21 as part of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program. Environmental lead investigations are limited to the health professional's time in the home and during an on-site investigation of a child's home.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has introduced a new provider type and procedure code for this service. This service will be covered on a Fee-For-Service basis and 'carved out' of HealthChoice, Maryland's Managed Care Program. This means lead assessors will bill Medicaid directly for services rendered for all enrollees.

Provider Enrollment

Eligible providers may now enroll in Maryland Medicaid. To be eligible to enroll, a provider must hold an active accreditation from MDE as a Lead Paint Risk Assessor. To enroll as a provider, please visit eprep.health.maryland.gov. Providers should enroll as provider type 'PB'.

Providers may bill for services provided to Medicaid or the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) participants who fall under the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled in Medicaid or MCHP;
2. Be between 0-20 years of age;
3. Have a confirmed elevated blood lead level of $\geq 5\mu\text{g/dL}$ on a test administered within the previous six-month period; and
4. Live in the home being investigated as the primary residence.

Billing

To bill for environmental lead investigations, providers should use HCPCS code T1029 for “comprehensive environmental investigation, not including laboratory services, per dwelling.” The proposed reimbursement for the service is \$418.49. Medicaid does not reimburse for any testing of substances sent to a laboratory for analysis.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this transmittal, please direct any questions to Eleanor Mason at eleanor.mason@maryland.gov.

cc: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development