

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: October 18, 2021

Subject: National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW)

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana encourages you to ensure your pediatric patients under the age of 2 have a Lead Screening during NLPPW. Research has consistently shown that healthcare professionals are the most trusted source of information for parents and patients.

October 24 – 30, 2021

Each year, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) is a call to bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state, tribal, and local governments to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness in an effort to reduce childhood exposure to lead. NLPPW highlights the many ways parents can reduce children's exposure to lead in their environment and prevent its serious health effects. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our partners work to heighten awareness of lead poisoning, provide resources, and encourage preventive actions during NLPPW and beyond.

As a reminder, PCP blood lead tests are required for children at ages 12 months and 24 months who are covered by Medicaid.

We encourage our healthcare professionals to use NLPPW as an opportunity to access CDC educational resources at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week.htm>:

The themes of this NLPPW are

- Get the Facts
- Get Your Home Tested
- Get Your Child Tested

CDC and partners have developed a toolkit

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/NLPPW_2021_Partner_Information_Kit.pdf that aims to help individuals, organizations, and state and local governments work together to reduce childhood exposure to lead. The Partner Information Kit provides state and local governments and organizations with key materials and resources that are available for distribution to a wide array of audiences. The digital kit includes:

- Basic Lead Poisoning Information
- Talking Points
- Steps to Create Localized Outreach

- Examples of Awareness Activities
- Customizable Materials
- Social Media and Multimedia
- Other Resources

HEDIS Tip – Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

Measurement Year 2021	
Measure Description	Requirement
Children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning at any time by their second birthday.	<p>Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A note indicating the date the test was performed. • The result or finding. <p>Common chart deficiencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead assessment does not constitute a lead screening. • Lead screening after the child’s second birthday <p>Required exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members who meet the following criterion are excluded from the measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In hospice or using hospice services any time in the MY. <p>Optional exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noncompliant members may be excluded from the measure with documentation of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deceased in the MY. <p>•Please refer to the HEDIS Documentation and Coding Guidelines MY2020 and MY2021 on NaviNet.</p>

Questions: Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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