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**TO:** Independent Clinical Laboratories and Hospitals (please forward to Hospital Laboratories) – **For Action**  
 Physicians, Certified Nurse Practitioners, Independent Clinics, and Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** Pediatric Lead Screening Testing (filter paper blood lead test)

**EFFECTIVE:** For claims with service dates on or after July 1, 2002

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers of the availability of a test for pediatric lead screening by Inductive Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry (ICP/MS) in the Medicaid and New Jersey FamilyCare (NJFC) fee-for-service programs.

**ACTION:** For claims with service dates of service on or after July 1, 2002, Medicaid and NJFC fee-for-service programs shall reimburse Independent Clinical Laboratories for the pediatric lead screening testing as follows:

| <u>HCPCS CODE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   | <u>MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE</u> |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 83655 52          | Lead screening (filter paper blood lead test). Both capillary (finger stick) or venous whole blood are acceptable. | \$8.00                       |

**NOTE:** It is important to note that physicians, certified nurse practitioners, and independent clinics must utilize HCPC Code 36415 for obtaining a specimen.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Phyllis Valeri-Bruschini, M.T., Laboratory Consultant, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, at (609) 588-4610.

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