



Health Partners Plans

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Re: Filter Paper for Lead Testing (Medicaid and CHIP)

Dear Provider:

Thank you for your participation in the Health Partners Plans (HPP) network.

We are contacting you today to notify you that Quest has discontinued use of filter paper for lead testing effective April 4, 2022. Following the CDC announcement updating the blood lead reference value (BLRV) from 5.0 ug/dL to 3.5 ug/dL, Quest Diagnostics deactivated the Dried Blood Lead test, test code 19750. Filter paper collection of capillary blood for lead analysis is subject to the possibility of contamination. The possibility of contamination has become of greater significance in light of the lower BLRV.

All Health Partners (Medicaid) and KidzPartners (CHIP) members are required to have a lead test completed before 12 months and at 24 months. In the event that testing is not completed during these timeframes, we urge your office to perform testing at the next well-child visit. Testing can be conducted either during the well-child visit or at a Quest Diagnostics Drawing Station. When you conduct a capillary or venous lead screening test in your office, please note that this is a reimbursed service with the submission of CPT code 83655.

For more information, please visit www.HPPlans.com/lead, reach out to your Network Account Manager (NAM) or call the Provider Services Helpline at **1-888-991-9023**.

Thank you for being a HPP participating provider and for your anticipated partnership in providing great service to our members.

Sincerely,

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