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Dear Provider:

The federal government requires all children enrolled in Medicaid to be tested twice for lead exposure before the child's first and second birthdays. To meet the guidelines set forth by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, blood lead tests should be performed at 12 months and again at 23 months.

What does this mean to you?

Effective May 1, 2013, providers will receive an increased reimbursement of \$10.00 for CPT code 36416, collection of capillary blood specimen (e.g. finger, heel or ear stick), when drawing blood in the office.

Amerigroup Community Care has contracted with MedTox Laboratories to provide our physicians with a fast, noninvasive filter paper screening method. Collection supplies can be obtained at no charge by contacting MedTox Laboratories. Lead testing results will be reported to your clinic and the state Department of Health. Additionally, routine hemoglobin testing may be done through MedTox Laboratories.

Questions?

If you have questions or would like more information about the screening method, call MedTox Laboratories at 1-877-725-7241 or Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

With your help, we can positively affect the number of children screened for lead exposure.

Sincerely,

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Amerigroup Community Care