

Provider Update

MedTox Filter Paper Lead Testing

Background: At Amerigroup Community Care, we are committed to working with you to ensure our members receive the childhood lead screenings required by the New Jersey Department of Health. The state recommends a lead screen using blood-level determination be performed for every Medicaid-eligible and New Jersey FamilyCare-eligible child, as outlined below:

- Children 9–18 months of age, but preferably at 12 months of age
- Children 18–26 months of age, but preferably at 24 months of age
- Any child 27–72 months of age who has never been tested

◆ **What this means to you:** We know that patients do not always take their child to a lab for the traditional venous collection required for the lead screening. Being able to offer a less invasive, less traumatic in-office option may be a better choice.

We want to make you aware of such an option – Filter Paper Lead Testing through MedTox.

MedTox is part of LabCorp’s Specialty Testing Group and is a CLIA-, CAP-, and SAMHSA-accredited lab that has been in the lead testing business for nearly 30 years.

MedTox offers a simple lead screening process that may be performed with only two drops of blood collected during a routine office visit.

MedTox is also cost-effective. There is no initiation fee or contract requirement for lead screenings. All collection supplies and specimen shipping are included. MedTox handles the Medicaid filing for the lead analysis and Amerigroup reimburses you for the capillary collection.

How should I bill for this?

You are required to bill for the capillary collection service with procedure code 36416.

What if I need assistance?

If you would like more information on MedTox or Filter Paper Lead Testing, complete the attached MedTox Set Up Form or contact Joe Huffer at MedTox directly at 1-877-725-7241 or via email at jhuffer@medtox.com.

