



Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

Lead Screening Reminder for Pediatric Patients (Medicaid)

Molina Healthcare of Washington (Molina) would like to remind our Pediatric and Family Medicine Providers that the Washington Healthcare Authority (HCA) requires that all children enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid) receive a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months of age, or at 24 to 72 months of age if no record of a previous test exists. The Department of Health (DOH) recommends screening all children not covered by Medicaid at 12 and 24 months of age using this clinical algorithm:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/334-382.pdf>.

Lead screening for children two (2) years of age is a HEDIS® measure regularly monitored by Molina and Washington state. We encourage providers to review the specifications for this HEDIS® measure within Molina's HEDIS® Tip Sheet. The HEDIS® Tip Sheet can be found by logging into **Availity** and going to **Payer Spaces>Molina>Resources**. Search for **HEDIS Tip Sheet_LSC_Lead Screening-Resource**.

More information about best practices for lead screening in children can be found at the DOH website here: <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/professional-resources/blood-lead-testing>