



HEALTH ALERT

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Re: Ottawa County Department of Public Health Elevated Blood Lead Level Services

Dear Colleagues,

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health is offering Elevated Blood Lead Nursing Case Management (EBL NCM) for children who have a venous blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$. The goal of these services is to reduce a child's lead level below 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$.

EBL NCM encompasses a range of activities designed to educate families about the dangers of elevated blood lead levels and connect them to supportive services. It includes:

- Conducting in-home nursing and developmental assessments to gain an understanding of the child and his/her family's needs.
- Educating the family about sources of their child's lead exposure and steps to minimize future exposure.
- Developing a plan of care to reduce the child's blood lead level.
- Coordinating an environmental investigation of the family's home.
- Providing referrals for services, including home lead abatement services for eligible families.
- Educating the family to ensure follow-up testing until the child's blood lead level is < 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$.

Also, included with this letter are the "Blood Lead Screening and Testing Quick Reference for Providers" and "Who Does What: Lead Screening, Testing and Treatment for Ottawa County Children." For additional color copies and other lead resources, visit www.miOttawa.org/lead.

If you have questions or concerns about the status of a child, or would like additional information about the services provided, please call Janine Chittenden at the Ottawa County Department of Public Health at 616-393-4436.

Sincerely,

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