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NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Irina Gelman, DPM, MPH, PhD
Commissioner of Health

NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Date:

Re:
Blood Lead:
Test Date:

Dear Doctor:

The Nassau County Department of Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has received a report of an elevated blood lead level on your patient, named above.

The Health Department, as required by law, maintains a registry of all children with elevated blood lead levels.

For all children **under age 1 year** with lead levels between 5 - 9 µg/dl, we provide the following services to their health care providers and to the patients/guardians:

- Serve as a resource center for literature and educational information about lead poisoning
- Confer with the primary health care provider
- Home visit by public health professional to provide on-site education about lead poisoning and risk reduction behavior and conduct a developmental screening assessment.
- Refer for environmental evaluation.
- Referral to Early Intervention (EI) services for formal evaluation if delay identified.
- Children with a family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level may be eligible for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women and Children (WIC). You may refer the family to WIC at 227-9453.

For all children **over age 1 year** with lead levels between 5 - 9 µg/dl, we provide the following services to their health care providers and to the patients/guardians:

- Serve as a resource center for literature and educational information about lead poisoning
- Confer with the primary health care provider.
- Refer for environmental evaluation.
- Phone education for parent/guardian about lead poisoning and risk reduction behavior.
- Children with a family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level may be eligible for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women and Children (WIC). You may refer the family to WIC at 227-9453.



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For all children with lead levels 10-44 mcg/dL we provide the following services to their health care providers and to the patients/guardians:

- All above services
- Home visit by public health professional to provide on-site education about lead poisoning and risk reduction behavior and conduct a developmental screening assessment.
- Environmental inspection and assessment of home, including on-site measurements of lead, to identify the source of lead exposure
- Provide information and resources about environmental lead abatement and remediation
- Reinspection for completion of abatement and remediation
- Enforcement of abatement and remediation, when indicated

For all children with lead levels equal to and greater than 45 µg/dL, we provide the following services to their health care providers and to the patients/guardians:

- Above services, plus
- Ascertain plan and arrangements for lead reduction chelation treatment with primary health care provider and provide assistance, as needed

A professional consultation, including information about specific chelation regimens, is available from Dr. Morri Markowitz, Director of the Regional Lead Poisoning Prevention Resource Center-Montefiore Medical Center, at (718) 547-2789.

Enclosed for your use is a copy of the Physician's Reference Card about Lead Poisoning that was developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the New York State Department of Health. ***Please note the recommendation for assessing nutrition and iron status.***

For further information about the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or to request assistance and services for your patient, please contact Julia McBride, Program Case Manager at (516) 227-9622 weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:45 PM.

Sincerely,

Julie Weiser, MD, MPH
Coordinator
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program