

## **2008 *Get the Lead Out!* Strategy for Improving Blood Lead Testing Rates**

**DRAFT 2**

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**Impact Target: Children 1 & 2 years of age in the City of Grand Rapids**

### **State of Michigan**

Get MCIR batch reports to include lead data.

Assigned: Paul

Next Step: Get on agenda for discussion at March CLPPP Advisory Committee

### **Kent County**

Work with KCHD (Dr. Hall) and Spectrum (Drs. Kessenich, Judge) to encourage all pediatricians and family docs to issue standing orders within their practices to screen/test children for lead. Don't demand, but state that this is current best practice. Use example of PKU testing in newborns, which has lower incidence than lead.

Assigned: Joan

Next Step: Meet with Dr. Hall to get his recommendations on strategy

Follow-up with focused training session for private practice staff (nurses, MAs) on how to screen and conduct testing.

Assigned: Joan

Next Step: Meet with Dr. Hall to get his recommendations on strategy (in conjunction with activity above).

*Get the Lead Out!* present to Kent County Commission thanking them for their support, detailing what is currently being accomplished and suggesting what else can be done.

Assigned: Paul

Next Step: Schedule meeting with Judy Momber to discuss presentation. Invite Joan, Connie Bohatch, Brian Judge, Jeri Kessenich, Barb Stanford, Melissa Kuiper

## **Private Practices**

Get lead data on encounter forms (history, risk).

Assigned: Paul

Next Step: Connect with Allie Yager at Forest Hills to get their samples and to discuss how to approach other offices. Check in with Alger, GR Pediatrics, Browning Claytor.

Need to get 100% of practices offering filter paper (reimburse where possible, get patient pay, or absorb costs).

Investigate if Meijer clinics are doing the testing. If not, see what it will take to get them to do at all sites. If needed, see if we can get this funded?

## ***Get the Lead Out! Project***

LeadCare machines. Does the immediate result of using a LeadCare machine get a better rate of compliance? Can we get Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (or another) to fund a study to measure the impact of using LeadCare on blood lead testing compliance?

Assigned: Joan

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## **Insurance**

Advocate for insurance providers to cover capillary testing (including filter paper, LeadCare). Link to prevention efforts.

Assigned: Paul

Next Step: Schedule presentation to CLPP Commission to encourage their action/ follow-through.

## **Patients**

Marketing campaign to get consumers requesting the test for their child.