

Finances: Medicaid Billing Issues & How State and Federal Budget Problems Could Affect Local Health Departments

Indiana State Department of Health
Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program

Medicaid

What can be reimbursed through Medicaid?

- Blood lead test draw
- Blood lead test laboratory analysis
 - Standard laboratory analysis (\$16.72)
 - Filter paper (\$10.00)
 - LeadCare II machine (\$5.00)
- Case management activities as outlined in 410 IAC 29, including:
 - Home visit and subsequent follow-up activities
 - Environmental investigation
 - Developmental assessment
- Office visit

Medicaid Reimbursement for lead case management

- August 2008 – Reimbursement was approved for lead case management and lead environmental investigations
- November 2009 – Reimbursement was rescinded because the proper amendments had not been made to the State Plan
- June 2011 – State Plan Amendment was submitted to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for final approval. 90 day approval deadline (September 28, 2011)
- October 4, 2011 – no word from Indiana Medicaid if the plan has been approved or not
- Local health departments are losing \$614.01 per Medicaid eligible child with an elevated blood lead level

Why is it important to bill Medicaid

- Local health departments are providing services on Medicaid eligible children
 - Over 50% of the blood lead tests conducted on Medicaid eligible children in Indiana were provided by local health departments and social services agencies
- Medicaid claims data
- Creates an infrastructure for other billable services
 - Immunizations
 - TB
 - STD/HIV
- Unrestricted funds

How far back can you bill?

- All claims must be submitted within one year from the time of service
- If claims are submitted within the timeframe and are rejected, the submitter has the opportunity to re-process the claim and the one year timeframe starts over
- Better to bill and have a claim rejected than to not bill at all

State Funding

What state funding is available for healthy homes activities?

- CDC Healthy Homes
 - Awarded \$594,000 – \$400,000 goes to local health departments and community partners
- EPA Lead-based Paint
 - Awarded \$262,000 - \$13,000 goes to local health departments (1st year)
- EPA Radon
 - Awarded \$50,000 - \$70,000 goes to local health departments
- Asthma Program
 - Mini-grants
- Maternal and Child Health
 - Home Visitation program

Healthy Homes Partners

- American Lung Association ³
- Improving Kids' Environment ^{1,2}
- Indiana Community Action Association ^{1,4}
- Healthvisions Midwest ¹
 - St. Joseph Community Health Foundation ¹
- Environmental Management Institute ^{1,4}
- Fort Wayne - Allen County Health Department ^{1,2,3}
- City of Gary ^{1,3}
- Elkhart County ^{1,3}
- LaPorte County Health Department ¹
- Marion County Public Health Department ³
- Wayne County Health Department ¹
- Vanderburgh County Health Department ^{1,3}
- St. Joseph County Health Department ^{1,2}

Legend

- 1 – CDC funding
- 2 – EPA funding (lead)
- 3 – EPA funding (radon)
- 4 – HUD LHC

Future State Funding

- Potential for the Lead and Healthy Homes Program to merge with the Asthma Program – federal funding model
- Increase in Radon program funding
 - State match requirement
- Increase in Lead-based Paint Program
 - Lead Trust fund
- Missed opportunity in the RRP Program
 - \$554,000 for a 5 year period

Federal Funding

CDC Funding Cut

- FY12 Budget zeroed out CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program by the Senate Appropriations Committee
- Makes two proposals
 1. CDC and HRSA should work together to ensure that activities conducted by the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program be incorporated into the MCH Home Visitation Program
 2. HRSA should expand and incentivize implementation of integrative programs that identify and prevent environmental health and safety hazards in the homes of high-risk pregnant women and babies

CDC Level of Concern

- Reviewing current literature and evidence on the effects of blood lead levels under 10 ug/dL
- NHANES sample size
- Lowering the level of concern will greatly increase workload for local health departments
- Primary prevention

EPA Programs

- Lead-based Paint Program
 - Stable funding due to revenue from the RRP Program
 - Increased focus on enforcement
 - RRP
 - 1018 - disclosure
- Radon Gas Program
 - Funding is questionable
 - Indiana is the lowest funded state in Region 5 and has very poor data

HUD Programs

- Lead Hazard Control Programs
 - Funding seems to be stable
 - Very successful program
 - New healthy homes tool for rating housing conditions
- Healthy Homes Demonstration Programs
 - Funding not as stable
 - High level of interest and support

Questions

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