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MEMORANDUM

TO: Blood Lead Laboratories

FROM: Kim Gaetz, Public Health Epidemiologist
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SUBJECT: Point-of-care lead analyzers

The Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments (CLIA) designates facilities that use point-of-care (POC) lead analyzers (i.e. LeadCare II) as laboratories. Blood lead test results, even if determined in a clinical setting, are required to be reported.

All blood lead test results are required to be reported by electronic submission within five working days after test completion for children less than six years of age and for individuals whose ages are unknown at the time of testing (please see below). Examples of approved electronic formats are datafiles such as .xml format (LeadCare report format), Excel file formats, or Access file formats.

**North Carolina General Statute
§ 130A-131.8. Laboratory reports.**

- (a) All laboratories doing business in this State shall report to the Department all environmental lead test results and blood lead test results for children less than six years of age and for individuals whose ages are unknown at the time of testing. Reports shall be made by electronic submission within five working days after test completion.
- (b) Reports of blood lead test results shall contain all of the following:
 - (1) The child's full name, date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity, address, and Medicaid number, if any.
 - (2) The name, address, and telephone number of the requesting health care provider.
 - (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the testing laboratory.
 - (4) The laboratory results, whether the specimen type is venous or capillary; the laboratory sample number, and the dates the sample was collected and analyzed.

To make arrangements for reporting of blood lead test results, please call (919) 707-5953. We will work with you to help you meet these reporting requirements.

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