

## Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Kathy Neal, RN, DNP, Executive Director, Health Services

Re: California Department of Public Health – Food Recall

Date: September 3, 2019

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently issued a health alert for La Zagala brand Fruit Pulp Tamarind Flavor candy due to possible lead contamination. Read the alert <a href="here.">here.</a>

In Ventura County, the candy was sold in an Oxnard grocery store. The manufacturer, La Zagala Imports Inc., issued the recall in August. For more information, including photos of the product, lot codes and a list of retail distribution sites, click <u>here</u>.

CDPH recommends that pregnant women and parents of children who may have eaten this candy consult with their health care provider to determine if medical testing is needed. Consumers who find this candy for sale can call the CDPH complaint hotline at 1-800-495-3232 or the Ventura County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) at 1-805-981-5291.

For more information about lead poisoning, visit the CLPPP website here.

Thank you for your ongoing vigilance to keep California's children safe from lead.