Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Primary Care Providers

From: Kimberly Timmerman, MHA, CPHQ, Director of Quality Improvement

Re: **Provider Training Opportunity: Lead Poisoning Prevention in Children**

Date: March 21, 2022

Lead exposure can cause a multitude of health problems and have negative effects that last a lifetime. Young children are at highest risk for lead exposure and poisoning due to their high use of hand-to-mouth behaviors. Recent studies have revealed that these negative effects begin at lower levels of lead exposure than previously thought.

The state Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) recently added the Lead Screening in Children (LSC) Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) performance measure to its list of measures held to the Minimum Performance Measure (MPL). This important screening continues to be a priority for both DHCS and Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP).

We invite you to learn more about the impacts of lead exposure and best practices for prevention and intervention at an upcoming educational event, hosted by Anthem Blue Cross.

The WebEx training is scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 6 pm. To register, click here.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Jean Woo, public health medical officer at the Childhood Lead Poisoning Branch of the California Department of Public Health. Dr. Woo has been a practicing pediatrician for more than 20 years and holds a Master's in Public Health from University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health.

During the training, the following topics will be discussed:
- Regulations and anticipatory guidance for preventing childhood lead exposure.
- Risk factors, clinical effects, and management of childhood lead exposure.
- Interventions provided by the state and local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs.
- Different risk factors for lead exposure.
- Recommendations to reduce or prevent childhood lead poisoning, including nutritional recommendations.

If you have any questions about lead screening, please contact QualityImprovement@goldchp.org.