



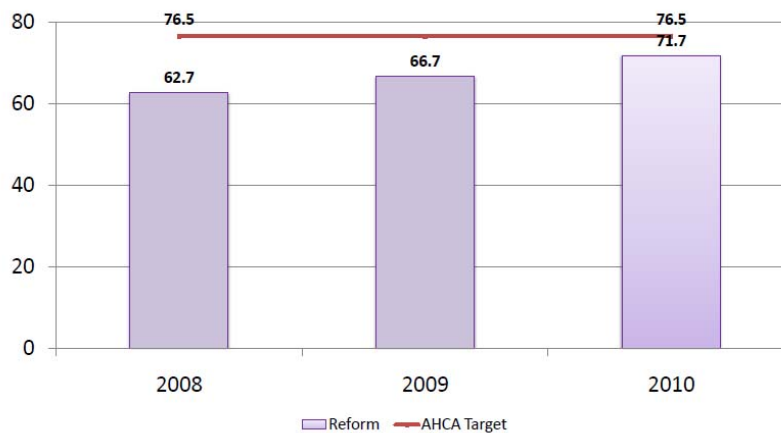
PROVIDER ALERT

As licensed health care professionals, you are aware that performing a blood test for lead is a federal requirement at specific intervals during the “Child Health Check-Up” (CHCUP). This note is to remind you how important it is to document the blood tests you are performing in compliance with this federal mandate. The federal regulation as referenced in the Child Health Check-Up Coverage and Limitations Handbook, October 2003, pages 2-13 and 2-14, and page 3-6, requires that all Medicaid children receive a screening blood lead test at the ages of 12 months and 24 months, and between the ages of 36 months and 72 months if they have not been previously screened for lead poisoning. The CPT code for the blood lead testing is 83655.

The Child Health Check-Up Coverage and Limitations Handbook can be accessed by visiting <http://mymedicaid-florida.com>. Click on Public Information for Providers, Provider Support, then Provider Handbooks, and select the Child Health Check-Up Handbook.

As you may be aware that the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) monitors the Health Plans’ performance on Lead Screening in Children ages two and younger. Below is a graph illustrated how SFCCN performed on this measure and the target goal set by AHCA.

Lead Screening in Children



We need your assistance in order to reach the goal. Please feel free to contact our Quality Improvement Department at _____ for any questions.

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