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Dear Doctor/Health Care Provider:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of changes in New York State's Public Health Law and regulations pertaining to childhood blood lead testing, reporting, and follow-up that may affect the care you provide for your pediatric patients.

State law and regulations have been updated to reflect current lead testing technology and practice standards; to ensure reporting requirements are consistent with recent changes in Public Health Law; to clarify and expand requirements for follow-up of children with lead poisoning and to support the integration of statewide data systems to improve childhood lead testing. These changes are part of the state's ongoing work to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New York State.

A detailed summary of the statutory and regulatory changes is enclosed for your reference. Complete copies of the amended law and regulations are available on the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) website at www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/lead.

Thank you for your assistance in implementing these changes, and for your ongoing efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New York State. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the New York State Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 518-402-5706, or your local health department. A contact list for local health department lead poisoning prevention programs is available at: www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/lead.

Sincerely,

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