

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## **IHCP to cover HCPCS code T1029 – Comprehensive environmental lead investigation**

Effective March 1, 2017, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will cover initial and follow-up comprehensive environmental lead investigation services for IHCP members with a confirmed elevated blood lead level (EBLL). EBLL is defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a blood level of 5 mcg/dL or higher.

The IHCP will cover comprehensive environmental lead investigation services when services are billed by an IHCP provider enrolled as a Public Health Agency (provider type 13) and County Health Department (specialty 130). Providers must adhere to current Indiana State Department of Health guidelines per 410 *Indiana Administrative Code* (IAC). Licensed risk assessors or lead inspectors, as defined in 410 IAC 29-1, are not recognized as IHCP billing providers. These entities must work with the appropriate health departments for services to be covered. Coverage applies to all IHCP programs, subject to limitations established for certain benefit packages. Coverage applies to dates of service (DOS) on or after March 1, 2017.

Comprehensive environmental lead investigation services must be billed with one of the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:

- T1029 – *Comprehensive environmental lead investigation*
- T1029 TS – *Comprehensive environmental lead investigation; follow up*

HCPCS codes T1029 and T1029 TS are limited to reimbursement of one unit, per member, per 12-month rolling calendar year.

The following reimbursement information applies:

**Pricing:** T1029 – Max fee of \$282.85  
T1029 TS – Max fee of \$101.32

**Prior authorization (PA):** None required.

**Billing guidance:** Standard billing guidelines apply.

All comprehensive environmental lead investigation services are “carved out” of managed care, which means these services will be reimbursed through the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. This managed care carve-out policy includes services rendered to members enrolled in Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Care Connect, and Hoosier Healthwise. Claims for T1029 and T1029 TS should be submitted to Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) for processing. See the [IHCP Quick Reference Guide](#) for claim-filing and contact information.



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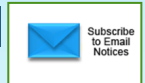
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