

**Medicaid Fee For Service Agrees to Reimburse for \$10
Albany Lab Blood Lead Level Fee**

In a recent banner message issued by the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) guidelines were listed on how to bill Medicaid Fee for Service for the Blood Lead Level Fee charged by the Albany Public Health Laboratory. Physicians can now bill Medicaid Fee for Service the \$10 lab handling fee for the Blood Lead Level test effective April 1, 2010.

To ensure accurate reimbursement those providers who are submitting assay of lead tests to the Albany Regional State Lab are to submit CPT code 83655 — Assay of lead with modifier 90 (Outside Laboratory) or 91(Repeat Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test), CPT code 36415 or 36416 with modifier EP with the diagnosis code V82.5 (Chemical poisoning and other contamination screening) on the CMS 1500 claim form.

DCH indicates that this banner message was included in provider Medicaid remittance advices and is also available on the Georgia Health Partnership website. To view the Banner Message, go to www.ghp.ga.gov and click on the tab labeled “**Provider Information.**” Once on this page, please click on the highlighted words “**view full list**” in the box labeled Banner Messages. Select the message that was issued on June 8, 2010 entitled, “*Georgia Public Health Lab Fees.*”

The Georgia Health Partnership (GHP) Customer Interaction Center is available to answer any additional questions at 800-766-4456 or electronically via the GHP Web Portal by clicking on the “Contact Us” link located in the upper-right corner of any page. If you have any additional questions, please contact Fozia Khan Eskew at the Chapter office at 404-881-5074 or via email at feskew@gaaap.org