January 29, 2004

CHDP Program Letter No.: 04-03

TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, STATE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: UPDATED LIST OF CALIFORNIA BLOOD LEAD PROFICIENCY Assurance Program (CBLPAP) LABORATORIES NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

This Program Letter is to inform you that the updated list of California Blood Lead Proficiency Assurance Program (CBLPAP) laboratories is now available on the Department of Health Services (DHS) Environmental Health Laboratory Branch (EHLB) website at www.dhs.ca.gov/ehlb/BioChem. This website is also referenced in the CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines in Section 704, Blood Lead Test and Anticipatory Guidance.

CBLPAP designation is based on blood lead proficiency performance approved by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services and recognized by the DHS EHLB. As you are aware, blood lead laboratories must have CBLPAP designation to qualify for reimbursement for the analytic portion of blood lead level testing by the CHDP program.

Additional CHDP information is available on the web, at www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nursing Consultant.

Original Signed by Maridee A. Gregory, M.D.

Maridee A. Gregory, M.D., Chief
Children’s Medical Services Branch