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Dear Health Care Provider:

RE: Declaration of Elevated Test Result Form

New Hampshire *RSA 130-A Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention and Control*, Section 5, *Investigations* provides the Division of Public Health Services, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HHLPPP) the authority to investigate rental units where children under the age of six reside with confirmed elevated blood leads. According to this section:

I. The commissioner shall investigate cases of lead poisoning in children reported under RSA 141-A whose blood lead level meets or exceeds 7.5 micrograms per deciliter of whole venous blood, as reported on 2 separate tests except that a blood lead level may be designated as elevated by the health care provider when the level reported meets or exceeds 7.5 micrograms per deciliter on the first venous test. With such a declaration, a second test shall not be required.

The *Declaration of Elevated Test Result Form* attached to this letter allows the HHLPPP to comply with Section 130-A: 5 that all rental properties must be inspected. When RSA 130-A was passed, this declaration was done to assure property owners that the HHLPPP was not investigating homes with a falsely elevated result.

This form allows the health care provider to determine if the first venous elevation of 7.5 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) or higher is correct. If the provider trusts the first venous elevation is correct, check the "*I declare the above reference blood lead level to be elevated in order that an environmental investigation to look for lead environmental hazards to be conducted by DHHS*".

Should the provider feel there needs to be a second venous blood lead level test drawn prior to having an environmental lead hazard investigation conducted by DHHS, the provider can select this box. We recommend this second venous need to be done as soon as possible to ensure an inspection is done in a timely period of time.

If there are any questions about the content of this letter, please contact a Public health Nurse at: 603-271-0135 or LeadRN@dhhs.nh.gov.

