



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Scott Walker, Governor
Linda Seemeyer, Secretary

October 26, 2016

The Honorable Chris Taylor
State Representative
State Capitol, 306 West
PO Box 8953
Madison WI 53708

Dear Representative Taylor:

Thank you for your letter regarding childhood lead poisoning in Wisconsin.

The Department of Health Services will work to add the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reference value definition, currently 5 micrograms per deciliter, to Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. DHS 181, Reporting of Blood Lead Test Results. The Department will also remove the current definition of "lead poisoning or lead exposure" from Ch. DHS 181 which references poisoning or exposure starting at a concentration of 10 micrograms or more of lead per 100 milliliters of blood.

According to Wis. Stat. § 254.156, the definition set in administrative rule in response to the CDC standard supersedes the definition as it is currently written in Wis. Stat. § 254.11 (9).

I appreciate your concerns about this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Seemeyer".

Linda Seemeyer
Secretary