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**EHS Circular Letter 2015-15**

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SUBJECT: Risk of Lead Poisoning in Children Posed by Use of Bo Ying Compound

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On April 10, 2015, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an important notice cautioning public health officials to the potential of excessive levels of lead in Bo Ying Compound. It is a powdered substance that, per the label, should be given to infants and children for influenza, fever, sneezing, and nasal discharge. The product is labeled in English and Chinese.

Both the Maryland and New York City Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene have analyzed samples of the Bo Ying Compound and found 1.224-3.385 ppm and 2.5-16 ppm in their samples, respectively. FDA received one adverse event report of lead poisoning in an 18-month old child who was given this product.

Parents and caregivers are advised not to purchase or use "Bo Ying Compound". Anyone using this product or providing it to a child should immediately consult a health care professional.

Information about Bo Ying Compound can be found on the FDA website at:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm416220.htm>



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