

leadcare II™

Blood lead testing in California

This information is subject to change

Who needs to be tested?

Universal

- Federal rules require blood lead testing of all Medicaid children at ages 1 and 2 years old, and 3 to 6-year-olds if they have not been previously tested.
- Lead test required for all Head Start children prior to enrollment.
- Discuss lead risk exposure as part of the first prenatal visit. Per CDC & ACOG recommendations, test when a single risk factor is identified.
 - *For more information:* [CDC's Guidelines for the Identification and Management of Lead Exposure in Pregnant And Lactating Women](#)

Targeted

- State law requires blood lead testing of all children enrolled in a publicly funded program*
* *Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and WIC*
- All other children should be screened with the Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire.
- *For more detailed information:*
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/Pages/prov.aspx>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$10
- Medi-Cal: Fee-for-Service Providers may be eligible for reimbursement under 83655

** Actual reimbursement rates vary by plan and should be verified.*

What do you need to get started?

State Licensure

- CLIA Certificate of Waiver or higher
- Be registered or licensed with the State of California, Laboratory Field Services:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OSPHLD/LFS/Pages/ClinicalLaboratoryFacilities.aspx>

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be electronically reported to the state.
For more detailed information, refer to: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB) at (510) 620-5600 or email EBLRsupport@cdph.ca.gov to get started.

Need Help?

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at www.LeadCare2.com
- Contact the California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch at (510) 620-5600