

leadcare II™

Blood lead testing in Iowa

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.
- 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

- Use the Iowa Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Risk Questionnaire (attached) to decide whether to use the high risk or low risk blood lead testing schedule; or you may use the high risk testing schedule for all children.
 - **Low risk: test child twice** (at 12 & 24 months)
or once after 24 months if not previously tested.
 - **High risk: test 6 times** (at 12, 18, & 24 months, 3, 4, & 5 years)
- Proof of a blood lead test required before starting kindergarten.
- *For more information, refer to* <https://idph.iowa.gov/lpp/blood-lead-testing>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$15.00
- Medicaid : ~ \$17.02

** 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

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported electronically to the state.
- *For more detailed information, refer to:*
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/chapter/01-21-2015.641.1.pdf>

Need Help?

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at www.MagellanDx.com
- Contact the Iowa Department of Public Health at (800) 972-2026 or visit <http://idph.iowa.gov/lpp/blood-lead-testing>