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Blood lead testing in Louisiana

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.
- Test all children at ages 1 and 2 years and for all 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 exposure with all women who are lactating, pregnant, or planning a pregnancy. CDC & ACOG recommend testing when only one risk factor is present.
 - For more information: [CDC's Guidelines for the Identification and Management of Lead Exposure in Pregnant And Lactating Women](#)

Targeted

- Testing is mandatory for children ages 6 months to 72 months who reside or spend more than 10 hours per week in any Louisiana parish.
 - For more detailed information: http://laaap.org/images/stories/LAHHCLPP_Toolkit.pdf

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$16.00
- Medicaid (KidMed): ~ \$12.50

** 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
 - For more information visit: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/765>

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state.
 - For more detailed information, refer to: *2008 Issues of the LA Register* - <http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/reg/regs2008.aspx> (October, 2008)

Need Help?

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at www.MagellanDx.com
- Call the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (504)568-8254