

## Blood lead testing in Massachusetts

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### Who needs to be tested?

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#### 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.
- Every child must have a lead test before they begin Kindergarten.
- 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

- MA law requires that all children be tested between the ages of 9 & 12 months, at age 2 and at age 3 years.
- In addition, children living in a high-risk city or town should receive an additional test at age 4 years.
  - Annual high-risk community lists are available [here](#) through the mass.gov website.
- Every child must have proof of lead screening before they enter daycare or pre-kindergarten programs, in addition to kindergarten.
- For more detailed information, read the MA Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control regulations: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-460-lead-poisoning-prevention-and-control>

### What is the reimbursement?\*

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- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$20.00
- Medicaid: ~ \$11.00

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

### What do you need to get started?

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#### Federal Licensure

- All facilities must have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver or higher in order to accept human samples for diagnostic testing.

#### State Licensure

- Clinical laboratories operated by three or more licensed physicians are exempt from state licensing requirements, provided they operate the lab exclusively in connection with diagnosis and treatment of their own patients and they perform only those tests listed on the [Exempt Test List](#).
- Physician Office Laboratories operated by not more than two licensed physicians are exempt from state licensing requirements, regardless of the type of tests performed.
- For more information on licensure, contact Pamela Waksmonski, Clinical Laboratory Program Manager at (617) 753-7307 or [Pamela.Waksmonski@state.ma.us](mailto:Pamela.Waksmonski@state.ma.us).

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### Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported electronically to the state via the Mass Hlway Statewide Health Information Exchange.
- To register for the Hlway, or for answers to technical questions, e-mail [Masshiway@state.ma.us](mailto:Masshiway@state.ma.us) or call (855) 624-4929

### Need Help?

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- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at [www.MagellanDx.com](http://www.MagellanDx.com)
- Visit the MA Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program's [website](#) or call (617) 624-5757