

leadcare II™

Blood lead testing in Maryland

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 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

- Effective January 2016, Maryland law requires that all children born on January 1, 2015, or after, must have a blood lead test at their 12 and 24-month visits regardless of where they live.
- Children born before January 1, 2015, will follow the 2004 Targeting Plan (see specific zip codes for testing on page 2).
 - For more information please visit: <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/Pages/Lead.aspx>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$11.00
- Medicaid: ~ \$12.00

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

What do you need to get started?

State Licensure

- CLIA Certificate of Waiver **and** Maryland Letter of Exception for blood lead testing.
- Enrollment in a proficiency testing program.

For more detailed information, refer to:

<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/getfile.aspx?file=10.10.03.02.htm>

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state.

For more detailed information, refer to:

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/LAND/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Documents/www.mde.state.md.us/assets/document/LeadCoordination/BloodLeadReporting26.02.01.pdf>

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- Visit MD Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/index.aspx>