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Blood lead testing in Maine

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Who needs to be tested?

Universal

- Federal and Maine law require blood lead testing of all children covered by MaineCare (Medicaid) at ages 1 and 2 years old and at ages 3 to 6 years old if they have not been previously tested.
- Maine law requires blood lead testing of all children not covered by MaineCare (Medicaid) at ages one and two years old
- 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

- Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit recommends testing all children 3-5 years (36-72 months) yearly unless the risk assessment questionnaire is negative.
- Testing for lead should also be considered, regardless of age, in:
 - Children diagnosed with pica, developmental delays, behavioral problems, or ADHD.
 - Children presenting with unexplained illness such as severe anemia, lethargy, or abdominal pain.
 - Ingestion of paint chip or object that might contain lead.
 - Test refugee children 6 months to 16 years upon entry to the U.S. with follow up testing in 3-6 months for children 6 months to 6 years old.
 - For more detailed information: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/eohp/lead/providers.shtml>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$15
- Medicaid : ~ \$9.00

* 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
- Approval by Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit

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Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state.
For more detailed information, please refer to:
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/eohp/lead/ld300/datareporting.shtml>

Need Help?

- Call LeadCare Product Support: (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at www.MagellanDx.com
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