Requirements for Lead Testing*

Montana

* This information is subject to change

Licensure

Facility must: Hold a CLIA Certificate of Waiver or higher.

- 1. The form can be downloaded at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms116.pdf
- 2. Complete the application and mail to:

MONTANA CLIA PROGRAM Division of Quality Assurance Department of Public Health & Human Services 2401 Colonial Drive, 2nd Floor PO Box 202953

Helena, MT 59620-2953 Fax: (406) 444-3456

For questions, please contact Joyce Shepard at (406) 444-2099 or email to mtssad@mt.gov, or visit http://dphhs.mt.gov/gad/Certification/CLIA

Patient Testing

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

Facility must: Confirm capillary blood lead test results greater than or equal to 5 μg/dL with a venous sample by a reference lab. (Per Rule 37.114.546)

For more information, refer to: http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?RN=37.114.546 or contact the Department of Public Health and Human Services at (406) 444-5954.

Quality Control

Facility must: Run two levels of Quality Control according to the manufacturer's instructions, which are:

- 1. Each new lot of test kits.
- 2. Each new shipment of materials even if it's the same lot previously received.
- 3. Each new operator (i.e. operator who has not performed the test recently).
- 4. Monthly, as a check on continued storage conditions.
- 5. When problems (storage, operator, instrument, or other) are suspected or identified.
- 6. If otherwise required by your laboratory's standard QC procedures.

Result Reporting

Reporting Solutions: www.LeadCare2.com/reporting

Facility must: A laboratory that performs a blood lead analysis must submit to the department, by the 15th day following the month in which the test was performed, a copy of all blood lead analyses performed that month, including analyses in which lead was undetectable.

For more information, refer to: http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?RN=37.114.204

Proficiency Testing

Recommended: To monitor the quality of your blood lead testing program.

Contact Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) proficiency program for more information about their program at (800) 462-5261 or go to http://www.slh.wisc.edu/proficiency/

Still Have Questions?

- Contact the LeadCare Product Support Team at (800) 275-0102
- Contact Connie Garrett, Epidemiologist, Office of Epidemiology and Scientific Support at (406) 444-5954.