

leadcare II™

Blood lead testing in North Dakota

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

- If the parent/guardian is unsure of the age of home or other building(s) child regularly spends time, draw a capillary blood sample and conduct a blood lead screening test.
- If another member of the family has been identified with lead poisoning, all family members should have a blood lead screening test conducted.
- Many foreign-made products contain lead. Parents need to be aware of this and have the child's blood lead level checked if exposed.
- All other children should be screened with the Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire.
- *For more detailed information:* <https://deg.nd.gov/forms/aq/lead/sfn59322.pdf>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ No data available at this time
- Medicaid: ~ No data available at this time.

** 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
(Note: LCII is not on the state "exempt" list, therefore anyone who will be performing the test must hold a current lab personnel license from the state of North Dakota. However, Physicians and Licensed Nurses are exempt from licensing requirements and therefore can perform test. *For more info, refer to:* <http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t43c48.pdf>

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **All** blood lead results must be reported to the state.
For more detailed information, refer to: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/Disease/Documents/ReportableConditions.pdf>

Need Help?

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