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Blood lead testing in Pennsylvania

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.
- PA CLPPP Surveillance Subcommittee recommends universal screening of all children at ages 1 and 2 years and for all children aged 3 to 6 years without a confirmed prior lead blood test.
- 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

- Test ALL children residing in Allegheny County at ages 1 and 2 years, regardless of their risk, or insurance.
 - For more information refer to: [Allegheny County adopts universal blood lead testing January 1, 2018](#)
- All other children should be screened with the Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire.

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 : ~\$10.00

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

What do you need to get started?

State Licensure

- Have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver;
- Be licensed with the PA Bureau of Laboratories;
- Enroll in Bureau of Laboratories, PA Blood Lead Proficiency Testing Program.

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state within one (1) working day.
For more detailed information, refer to:
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter27/subchapBtoc.html>

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