

## Licensure

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

1. Complete the application for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms116.pdf>)
2. Mail or fax completed applications to:  
Rhode Island Department of Health  
Division of Facilities Regulation  
3 Capitol Hill, Room 306  
Providence, RI 02908  
Phone: (401) 222-5960  
Fax: (401) 222-3999
3. Request permission to perform lead testing from the Rhode Island Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (RI CLPPP).  
Note: Permission is granted based on the ability to report electronically to the Department in an approved format.

## Patient Testing

**Training Tools:** [www.LeadCare2.com/training](http://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.

Contact Michelle Almeida, Rhode Island Department of Health, at (401) 222-7794 or [michelle.kollett@health.ri.gov](mailto:michelle.kollett@health.ri.gov) for more information.

## Quality Control

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*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 by State:** [www.LeadCare2.com/reporting](http://www.LeadCare2.com/reporting)

*Facility must:*

1. Report ALL blood lead results to the Department of Health weekly.
  - a. Report using the approved spreadsheet from the state of RI that can be downloaded here: <http://leadcare2.com/reporting/>
2. Report blood lead results  $\geq 45$  µg/dL within 24 hours to the Department of Health.

For reporting instructions, email Anne Cardoza at [anne.cardoza@health.ri.gov](mailto:anne.cardoza@health.ri.gov).

## Proficiency Testing

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*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?

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- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Contact the Rhode Island Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at [doh.leadprogram@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.leadprogram@health.ri.gov) or (401) 222-7796