

leadcare II™

Blood lead testing in Tennessee

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.
- The state health standard requires blood test for lead screening at 12 months and at 24 months and for all 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 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

- A lead risk assessment questionnaire should be completed at each well child checkup on all children 6 months to 72 months of age.
 - *For more detailed information:* <http://www.tn.gov/health/article/MCH-lead-providers>

What is the reimbursement?*

- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$9.00
- Medicaid (TENNCare): ~ \$7-17.00 (varies by plan)
 - *CPT 83655 is included on the VSHP BlueCare & TennCareSelect Quest Diagnostics exclusion list and therefore can be performed in-office. See:* https://bluecare.bcbst.com/forms/Provider%20Information/Quest_Diagnostics-Exclusion_list_0101.pdf

** 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

Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state.
For more detailed information, please email Housing and Environmental Health, University of Tennessee Extension at: leadtrk@utk.edu

Need Help?

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at www.MagellanDx.com
- Contact your local health department at <http://www.tn.gov/health/topic/localdepartments>
- Call the Tennessee CLPPP at (615) 532-8462 or visit <http://www.tn.gov/health/topic/MCH-lead>