

# leadcare II™

## Blood lead testing in Texas

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*This information is subject to change*

### Who needs to be tested?

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#### 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

- TX CLPPP recommends testing all children in "targeted area" for lead at age 12 and 24 months and any age after 12 months up to 6 years if never tested. Targeted areas represent 65% of all zip codes in TX.
- For screening guidelines and targeted zip code maps by region, please go to: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead/screening.shtm>
- Offer all pregnant women anticipatory guidance including a risk assessment questionnaire.
  - For more information visit [Lead Poisoning and Prevention Guidelines for Prenatal Care Providers in Texas](#)

### What is the reimbursement?\*

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- CPT Code 36416, Collection of a capillary blood specimen, ~\$3.00
- CPT Code 83655, Blood Lead
- Private Insurance: ~ \$9.00
- Medicaid (Texas Health Steps): ~ \$13.98
  - *Effective 12/1/11: "Blood lead testing (procedure code 83655) may be reimbursed to Texas Health Steps medical providers when it is performed in the provider's office using point-of-care testing." Ref: TX Medicaid Provider News Archive, posted Oct. 28, 2011.*

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

### What do you need to get started?

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#### State Licensure

- CLIA Certificate of Waiver or higher

#### Lead Testing Reporting Requirements

- **ALL** blood lead results must be reported to the state.

### Need Help?

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- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Visit our website at [www.MagellanDx.com](http://www.MagellanDx.com)
- Contact the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (512) 776-7151