

# Requirements for Lead Testing\*

# South Carolina

\* This information is subject to change

## 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:  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
Bureau of Certification  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Fax (803) 545-4563

For questions or more information, please contact Ashley Gibbs at (803) 545-4291.

## Patient Testing

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**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.

## 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

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**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 and Environmental Control, regardless of age of patient, type of test, or result of test. All reports must specify specimen type (i.e., capillary or venous).
2. Report ALL blood lead results below the CDC reference value of 5 mcg/dL within 30 days of analysis.
3. Report ALL elevated blood lead levels (5 mcg/dL or greater) within 7 days of analysis.
  - a. Electronically via DHEC's web-based reporting system (SCIONx). Call (800) 917-2093 to learn more.
  - b. Mail the completed DHEC 1129 Disease Reporting Forms (<https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/D-1129.pdf>) to:  
Bureau of Health Improvement & Equity  
Lead Surveillance c/o Brian Humphries  
Sims-Aycock Building  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201
  - c. Fax to: (803) 898-3236
  - d. Call (803) 898-3641 to establish electronic reporting

For additional information on reporting, please contact the South Carolina Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (866) 466-5323 (866-4NO-LEAD).

## 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
- Please contact the South Carolina Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (803) 898-3432.