# **Requirements for Lead Testing\***

\* This information is subject to change

# **Physician Office Lab & Clinical Laboratory**

Defined as: Any facility that conducts on site blood lead analysis in the State of Florida or on Florida residents.

#### Licensure

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)
- Mail or fax completed applications to: State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Laboratory Licensing Unit 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 32 Tallahassee, FL 32308 Fax: (850) 410-1511

For questions or more information call 850-412-4375 contact Laura Marker at Laura.Marker@ahca.myflorida.com.

## **Patient Testing**

Training Tools: www.LeadCare2.com/training

*Facility must:* Confirm capillary blood lead test results greater than or equal to 10 µg/dL with a venous sample or another capillary within 12 weeks (84 days) of the first capillary blood lead test by a reference laboratory.

## **Quality Control**

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 Sol	olutions by State: <u>www.LeadCare2.com/reporting</u>
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Facility must:

- 1. Report to Florida Department Of Health:
  - a. Blood lead results less than 5 µg/dL within 10 business days of blood lead analysis.
  - b. Blood lead results greater than or equal to 5 μg/dL by end of next business day of blood lead analysis.
- 2. Contact the County Health Department for additional local requirements, if needed.
  - a. Download the FREE LeadCare Reporting Software, z.LeadCare Report v2.0 Beta: www.leadcare2.com/reporting
  - b. Submit results electronically using the Florida Department's Electronic Laboratory Reporting System (ELR).
    - Request access on SFTP server <u>ww7.doh.state.fl.us</u> by contacting: Sudha Rajagopalan at (850) 245-4003 or by email at <u>Sudha.Rajagopalan2@flhealth.gov</u>
- NOTE: If ELR is currently not available then results may be submitted in an approved alternate format temporarily by Confidential Fax: 407-858-5517 until the secure FTP Access is granted.

#### **Proficiency Testing**

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?**

- Call LeadCare Product Support at (800) 275-0102
- Refer to: <u>http://www.floridahealth.gov/healthy-environments/lead-poisoning/lab-reporting-lead.html</u>