

Blood Lead Level Screening Requirements

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Pennsylvania Department of Welfare have stringent requirements for Lead Toxicity Screening for all Medicaid eligible children.

- ✓ **ALL** Medicaid eligible children are considered at risk for lead toxicity and **MUST** receive blood lead level screening tests for lead poisoning
- ✓ PCP's are **REQUIRED (regardless of responses to the lead screening questions)** to insure that children receive a blood lead level screening test **beginning at nine months and again before their second birthday**
- ✓ Any child who has **not been tested** at nine months and again before their second birthday is **required** to be tested following the Pennsylvania EPSDT Periodicity Schedule
- ✓ Risk questions should be asked at every visit thereafter
- ✓ PCPs are reimbursed a \$10.00 fee for these services
- ✓ Submit claims with the CPT Code 83655 for reimbursement

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