



Health Care Agency/Public Health Services

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (714) 567-6220

Statewide Blood Lead Targeted Screening Regulation

- **Test all children eligible for the following programs at age 12 months *and* again at age 24 months or between the ages of 25 and 72 months if not previously tested**

- Medi-Cal
- Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP),
- Healthy Families
- WIC

- **Assess all other children using the following risk-assessment question at age 12 months or between the ages of 25 and 72 months if not previously assessed or tested**

“Does your child live in, or spend a lot of time in, a place built before 1978 that has peeling or chipped paint or that has been recently renovated?”

If the response to the question is “Yes” or “Don’t know,” a blood lead test needs to be ordered on the high risk child.

- **For CHDP children who are determined to be at high risk for exposure to lead**

Test at any time a lead exposure risk is determined even if out of the normal CHDP periodicity schedule. Be sure to record the explanation for blood lead testing in the “Comments” space on the PM 160.

Examples:

- Child was possibly exposed to lead hazard during recent home renovation
- Child’s sibling has elevated blood lead
- Child has never been tested for lead

- **In addition, any child may receive a blood test at the provider’s discretion or by parental request**

The parent may have to pay for test if not covered by CHDP, Medi-Cal, or private insurance