



NETWORK *Notification*

Notice Date: May 26, 2023
To: Indiana Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Blood Lead Testing Policy Update
Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Summary

As a federal requirement, all Medicaid enrolled children must be screened for blood lead toxicity. Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) updated the blood lead testing policy. The following steps are required for children enrolled under Medicaid:

- (1) A blood lead test between the ages of 9 months and 15 months, or as close as reasonably possible to the patient's appointment.
- (2) Another blood lead test between the ages of 21 months and 27 months, or as close as reasonably possible to the patient's appointment.
- (3) Any child between 28 months and 72 months that does not have a record of any prior blood lead test must have a blood lead test performed as soon as possible.

Importance

Health Partners are not obligated to repeat these procedures if documentation of blood lead testing has occurred at the required intervals. Documentation resources include the Children's Health and Immunization Registry (CHIRP) or records from another provider. Providers and laboratories are required to report all results, received or analyzed, to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) no later than one week after completing the examination. For further information, please refer to [BT202302](#).

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