



NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: November 19, 2025
To: Michigan Medicaid Providers
From: HAP CareSource™
Subject: Testing and Screening Children for Elevated Blood Lead Levels
Effective Date: April 30, 2025

Summary

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency that oversees the Medicaid program, requires blood lead screening for all Medicaid enrolled children.

Impact

By law, Michigan now requires blood lead testing for all children at 12 months and 24 months of age and at other intervals based on exposure risk. This approach is commonly called **Universal Blood Lead Testing**. It is the physician's responsibility to test or order the test.

The law updates the Public Health Code, adding MCL 333.5474d and amending MCL 333 9206(1). Administrative rules (R 330.301-304) for implementation of the law were made official on April 30, 2025.

Importance

Screening for elevated blood lead is necessary to confirm exposure because the symptoms of lead poisoning are often difficult or impossible to recognize. More information for providers can be found below.

- [Universal Blood Lead Testing: Q&A for Physicians](#)
- Information on interpreting results: [Blood Lead Level \(BLL\) Quick Reference for Primary Care Providers](#)
- General information about lead and lead hazards: [Mi Lead Safe](#)

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