

HEDIS Provider Guide: Lead Screening in Children (LSC)



| Measure Description | Using Correct Billing Codes | | |
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| <p>Children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.</p> | <p>Codes to Identify Lead Tests</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="646 520 1052 575">Description Lead Test</th> <th data-bbox="1052 520 1469 575">CPT Codes 83655</th> </tr> </thead> </table> | Description Lead Test | CPT Codes 83655 |
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How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Request a focused list of members who need a lead screening test from your Blue Shield Promise Health Plan (Blue Shield Promise) Program Manager.
- Make every visit count.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits) to perform lead testing.
- Consider a standing order for in-office lead testing.
- Educate parents about the dangers of lead poisoning and the importance of testing.
- Provide in-office testing (capillary) and bill for this test (use CPT 83655). If results are elevated, perform a venous blood lead test for confirmation.
- Follow up with patient on any lab tests not completed.
- All children enrolled in Medi-Cal are required to receive blood lead screening tests at ages 12 and 24 months. Any child between ages 24 and 72 months with no record of a previous blood lead screening test must receive one.