

Pediatric Lead Testing

Patients on any government assistance programs are considered at-risk and should be tested for lead exposure (including Medi-Cal/CenCal Health eligibility).

TESTING PROTOCOLS:

1 All CenCal Health members must be given a blood lead test at age 12 & 24 months at minimum.

Source: California Department of Public Health.

2 Provide an anticipatory guidance and health education material about lead exposure and testing.

(CenCal Health can provide materials, please email healthed@cencalhealth.org)

3 If a lead test is not administered, or if a parent declines/refuses a lead test, document this in your patient's chart.

4 Report any abnormal lead tests to your county's Department of Public Health and the California Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB).

TIPS FOR YOUR PRACTICE:



Include an alert in your EMR system or the patient's chart to test for lead exposure at 12 & 24 months.

• Keep a chart alert for all patients under age 6 who've never been screened for lead exposure.



Discuss the importance of lead exposure testing with parents/guardians at each well-child visit before 3 years of age.



Offer point-of-care lead testing in your office.



Utilize Lead Testing CPT Code: 83655

If you have any questions about lead testing, please contact populationhealth@cencalhealth.org or go to bit.ly/CCHleadtest



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