



Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2022 Measures

Measure Description: The percentage of children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

*Members must have at least one lead capillary or venous blood test on or before the child's second birthday.

Eligible Population

- Children who turn 2 years of age during the measurement year.

Documentation Required

Documentation in the medical record must include the following:

- A note indicating the date the test was performed.
- The result or finding.

Strategies for Improvement

- Utilize NCQA coding tips to actively reflect care rendered.
- Educate parents about the major sources of lead and poisoning prevention. Some examples include:
 - Interventions to reduce exposure to dust because household dust is a major source of lead.
 - Attention to nutrition: plenty of iron, calcium, and regular meals. Lead is absorbed more on an empty stomach.
 - Children and pregnant women should not be present in housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation.
 - Children should not have access to peeling paint or chewable surfaces that have been painted with lead-based paint. Create barriers between living/play areas and lead sources.
- Identify children at the greatest risk and screen beginning at 6 months. Be sure to utilize standardized lead screening questionnaires to determine if a child is at risk.

- Children at lower risk for lead exposure may be tested at 12-15 months of age.
- Conduct necessary follow-up and explain to parents why follow-up is or isn't needed.

Numerator Codes

The complete NCQA approved code set list can be referenced in the coding guide at <https://www.healthplan.org/providers/patient-care-programs/quality-measures>. For questions, please contact your practice management consultant. To identify your practice management consultant please refer to [healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-provider-servicing-team](https://www.healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-provider-servicing-team)

Code Class	Codes	Description
CPT	83655	Lead Tests

*The Health Plan has a team of member advocates, health coaches, social workers and nurses who can assist you and your patients to remove or overcome any barriers to care through benefit assistance, community resource referrals or enrollment in a THP clinical program. To refer a patient who is a THP member for assistance, call **1.877.903.7504** and let us know what we can do to help your patient receive and adhere to your recommended plan of care.*