

HEDIS® Measure

Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

Data collection method:

Administrative (Claims), Hybrid
(HEDIS Chart Chase)

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.

Numerator compliance:

At least one lead capillary or venous blood test on or before the child's second birthday. Documents include both of the following:

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

Best practices:

- Discuss the risks of not being tested, including the possibility of behavioral and cognitive issues.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits) to perform lead testing.



- Order the test at the appropriate age and ensure it is completed.
- Consider a standing order for in-office lead testing
- Follow up on open lab orders for lead screening before the second birthday.
- Provide in-office testing.
- Be sure chart documentation includes the date the test was performed AND the result or finding.
- Educate parents that while the child may not be exposed at home, other environments may present a new risk.

NOTE: If an enrollee has not had a lead test by 24 to 72 months of age, testing should be done but will NOT be compliant.

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