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## Blood Lead Screening Requirements For Children

This is a courtesy reminder of the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS') blood lead screening requirements for children, as well as network resources to support providers in meeting this requirement.

The requirement includes two parts:

- 1) Providers must provide oral or written guidance to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a child that includes information about the harm of exposure to lead, particularly from the time the child begins to crawl until 72 months of age. This guidance must be provided to the parent or guardian at each physical health assessment from 6-72 months of age.
- 2) Providers must order or perform blood lead screening tests on all children who:
  - a. Are between 12-24 months of age and have no documented evidence of a blood lead screening test.
  - b. Are between 24-72 months of age and have no documented evidence of a blood lead screening test.
  - c. At any time a change in circumstances has, in the professional judgement of the network provider, put the child at risk.
  - d. Have a parent or guardian who request the test.

To aid clinics in scheduling and administering screenings, HPSM offers a monthly patient-level eReport called, "Blood Lead Screening Report." The report is available to all primary care clinics on which assigned children are due for a blood lead screening.

To access eReports, sign in or register for the portal here: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/portal>

Here are additional resources for blood lead screening:

- A description of the Blood Lead Screening Report is included in the 2022 eReports User Guide (pages 6 and 10), available on this page: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/value-based-payment>
- Blood Lead Screening Guidelines:  
[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-care%20guideline\\_sources%20of%20lead.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/CLPPB-care%20guideline_sources%20of%20lead.pdf)
- Blood Lead Poisoning Testing and Management:  
[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Lead\\_HAGs\\_Table.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CLPPB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Lead_HAGs_Table.pdf)

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