



Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024

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.

Documentation required

Documentation in the medical record must include both of 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 dust exposure; 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 greatest risk and screen beginning at 6 months old. Be sure to utilize standardized lead screening questionnaires to see if a child is at risk.
- Children at lower risk for lead exposure may be tested at 12 to 15 months of age.
- Conduct necessary follow-up and explain to parents why follow-up is or isn't needed.

More information on lead can be obtained from the Virginia Department of Health information line at **877-668-7987**. Parents may also refer to the website at **vdh.virginia.gov/leadsafe/information-for-parents**.

Numerator codes

There is a large list of approved NCQA codes used to identify the services included in the LSC measure. The following are just a few of the approved codes.

For a complete list, refer to the NCQA website at www.ncqa.org.

CPT	83655	Lead Tests
LOINC	10368-9	Lead [Mass/volume] in Capillary blood
LOINC	10912-4	Lead [Mass/volume] in Serum or Plasma
LOINC	14807-2	Lead [Moles/volume] in Blood
LOINC	17052-2	Lead [Presence] in Blood
LOINC	25459-9	Lead [Moles/volume] in Serum or Plasma
LOINC	27129-6	Lead [Mass/mass] in Red Blood Cells
LOINC	32325-3	Lead [Moles/volume] in Red Blood Cells
LOINC	5671-3	Lead [Mass/volume] in Blood
LOINC	5674-7	Lead [Mass/volume] in Red Blood Cells
LOINC	77307-7	Lead [Mass/volume] in Venous blood

Additional information on prevention, well-care, and health promotion for children ages birth to 21 can be found on Bright Futures' website at **brightfutures.aap.org**.

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