

# HEDIS Provider Guide: Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

## Measure Description

Children who turn 2 years of age during the measurement year who had at least one capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

Documentation must include the following:

- A note indicating the date the test was performed **and**
- The result or finding. "Unknown" is not considered a result/finding.

**Exclusions:** Members in hospice.

## Using Correct Billing Codes

### Codes to Identify Lead Tests

Description	Codes
<b>Lead Test</b>	<b>CPT:</b> 83655 <b>LOINC:</b> 10368-9, 10912-4, 14807-2, 17052-2, 25459-9, 27129-6, 32325-3, 5671-3, 5674-7, 77307-7

## How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Request a focused list of members who need a lead screening test from your Blue Shield Promise Quality Program Manager.
- Make every visit count. Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit, including sick visits, to perform lead testing.
- Consider a standing order for in-office lead testing.
- Educate parents about the dangers of lead poisoning and the importance of testing.
- Provide in-office testing (capillary) and bill for the test using CPT 83655. If results are elevated, perform a venous blood lead test for confirmation. Contact your Blue Shield Promise Quality Program Manager to learn about the Blue Shield Promise in-office lead testing program.
- Follow up with the patient on any lab tests that are not completed.
- All children enrolled in Medi-Cal are required to receive blood lead screening tests at ages 12 and 24 months. Any child between the ages of 24 and 72 months with no record of a previous blood lead screening test must receive the test.

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