



Pediatric Lead Testing Requirements

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Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) is working with Primary Care Providers (PCPs) in compliance with AB 2276 and All Plan Letter 20-016 on the enhanced oversight of pediatric Blood Lead screening. Beginning late March/early April 2021 and each quarter thereafter, PHC will send a list of pediatric members aged 6 months to 6 years who do not have recorded blood lead testing information.

As part of our compliance with the federal and state mandate:

1. PHC will reach out to the members directly to recommend lead testing.
2. PHC will send a list of patients to our PCPs quarterly so the provider can follow-up with them.

As a **PHC provider**, you will be required to:

1. Reach out to patients due for testing and provide education and testing according to All Plan Letter 20-016
2. If providers elect not to order the Blood Lead Testing they must document in detail, the reason for not conducting the Blood Lead Test and get a signature of the parent.
3. Your Provider Relations Representative will reach out to your office each quarter to confirm receipt of the member list.

As a best practice, PHC recommends obtaining a capillary lead test, when needed, at the time of the well-child visit to increase Blood Lead Test rates. Options for testing include:

- Venous blood sample, usually drawn in lab
- Capillary blood sample, drawn in lab
- Capillary blood sample, drawn in PCP office, sent to lab for analysis
- Capillary blood sample, drawn in PCP office, analyzed in PCP office using point of care device

Please forward this information to your designated staff member.

If providers elect not to order the screening, they must document in detail, the reason for not conducting the screening. Documentation should include *signature of parent/guardian who refused screening* or the reason signature could not be collected.

Parental refusal must now be documented in the medical record. This will be evaluated at periodic medical record reviews.

PHC is required to audit compliance with chart audits.

For more information including the recording and the FAQs, click the link below or contact your Provider Relations Representative.

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/ProviderEducationTrainingMaterials.aspx>