

Michigan Department of Community Health / Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Statewide Lead Testing/Lead Screening Plan

Three Criteria for Testing a Child for Lead Poisoning

Specifics for Each Criterion

Criterion 1

GEOGRAPHY

Option One: All Children Living in One of Michigan's 14 Target Communities for Lead Testing
....OR....
Option Two: Children can receive a risk evaluation and testing recommendation using the MSU/MDCH BLL Risk Assessment & Recommendation website: midata.msu.edu/bll. This risk evaluation is based on the child's address (census block group) and other predictors.

(Option One only)

Battle Creek	Grand Rapids	Lansing
Benton Harbor	Hamtramck	Muskegon/Muskegon Hts
Dearborn	Highland Park	Pontiac
Detroit	Jackson	Saginaw
Flint	Kalamazoo	

MDCH strongly recommends that all children living in these communities be tested for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age or between 36 and 72 months of age if not tested previously.

Criterion 2

MEDICAID and WIC

Medicaid:
ALL CHILDREN INSURED BY MEDICAID MUST BE TESTED—NO EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVERS EXIST.

WIC:
ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN WIC MUST BE TESTED—pursuant to state law (Public Act 286 of 2006).

Medicaid:
"CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) requires that all children receive a screening **blood lead test at 12 months and 24 months of age**. Children between the ages of 36 months and 72 months of age must receive a screening blood lead test if they have not been previously screened for lead poisoning. A blood lead test must be used when screening Medicaid-eligible children."
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidEarlyPeriodicScrn/02_Benefits.asp

WIC:
"[T]he department of community health shall require that all children participants in the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children (WIC program) receive lead testing."
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/publicact/pdf/2006-PA-0286.pdf>

MDCH recommends the testing schedule for these children be 12 and 24 months of age, or no later than 30 months. (Testing schedule intended to coincide with WIC hemoglobin testing.)

Criterion 3

QUESTIONNAIRE
for
Children NOT Enrolled in Medicaid or WIC and Children NOT Residing within a Target Community

The child's parents/guardians should be asked specific exposure questions (see Questions at right) to determine each child's risk. If the response to any of the exposure questions is "Yes" or "Don't Know," the child should be tested.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 Does the child live in or often visit a house, daycare, preschool, home of a relative, etc., built before 1950?
- 2 Does the child live in or often visit a house built before 1978 that has been remodeled within the last year?
- 3 Does the child have a brother, sister or playmate with lead poisoning?
- 4 Does the child live with an adult whose job or hobby involves lead?
- 5 Does the child's family use any home remedies or cultural practices that may contain or use lead?
- 6 Is the child included in a special population group, i.e., foreign adoptee, refugee, immigrant, foster care child?

For additional details, i.e., jobs, hobbies, home remedies, cultural practices that include lead, see the Provider Guidelines Sheet. This may be obtained from the website: michigan.gov/leadsafe or by contacting the CLPPP office (517)335.8885.