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## IHCP clarifies lead screening requirements for children

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) published a reminder of lead screening requirements for children in [IHCP Banner Page BR201636](#). Information is provided here to more accurately clarify IHCP requirements related to lead screening.

The IHCP, in collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), reminds providers that screening for blood lead toxicity is a federal requirement for all children enrolled in Medicaid.

The IHCP requires that all enrolled children receive a blood lead screening test between the ages of 9 and 12 months of age, and again at 24 months of age. If the member is at high risk for lead exposure, the initial screening should be performed at the 6-month visit and repeated at 12-month and 24-month visits. Children between the ages of 36 months and 72 months of age must receive a blood lead screening if they have not been previously tested for lead poisoning.

A blood lead test result equal to or greater than 5 µg/dl obtained by a capillary specimen (fingerstick) must be confirmed using a venous blood sample. Subsequent screenings are required for children with blood lead levels equal to or greater than 5 µg/dl.

The ISDH, through the [Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program \(ILHHP\)](#), monitors lead poisoning. Providers are required to report **all** results of blood lead screenings to the ISDH no later than one week after completing the examination. The ILHHP provides medical and environmental case management follow-up for children who are identified with elevated levels of lead in their blood.

### IHCP coverage and billing

Prior authorization is not required for coverage of screening services. Providers should reference the [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment \(EPSDT\)/HealthWatch](#) provider reference module at indianamedicaid.com for billing guidance.

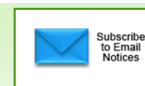


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