

# Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

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Children who turn 2 years old during the measurement year

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## Measure definition

The percentage of children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous blood tests for lead poisoning by their second birthday.



### Medical record requirements

- Member legal name and date of birth
- Provider/practice identifier
- Provider Business Group (PBG) name and number
- Date of service (DOS)
- Applicable lab/test results and date collected



### Commonly used claim codes\*

(Not all inclusive; can submit through electronic clinical data systems)

- Lead screening: **83655**

Medical record submission methods may not be applicable to all plan types.  
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## Required exclusions (Other exclusions may also apply)

- Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year
- Members who die any time during the measurement year

## Insights and recommendations

- Documentation in the medical record **must** include both of the following:
  - A note including the date the test was performed
  - The result or finding.
    - “Unknown” is not considered a result/finding
- A lead risk questionnaire will not close the gap for this measure
- Provide in-office testing for increased patient convenience
- Discuss the risks of not being tested, including the possibility of behavioral and cognitive issues
- Advise parents that while the child may not be exposed at home, other environments may present a new risk
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits) to perform lead testing

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For measures that require claims data only we cannot accept supplemental data sources such as data feeds and medical record collection methods.

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