

LEAD SCREENING WORKFLOW

PURPOSE: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) require that all children eligible for Medicaid (Medi-Cal) receive a screening blood test at **12 months and 24 months of age or at any time up to age 72 months (6 years old)** if not done at the specified ages.

METHOD:

- **POC TESTING (in clinic):** Capillary blood lead test using a capillary tube: Children screened using this method with an elevated Blood Lead Level (BLL) require a confirmatory venous blood lead test. Contamination of blood specimens obtained by the capillary blood testing method can be minimized if trained personnel follow the proper technique outlined by the CDC.
- **VENIPUNCTURE (in lab):** Often used for confirmation of elevated POC levels. May also be used as initial screening.

WORKFLOW:

- **RESULTS**
 - **LESS** than **3.5 µg/dL** → negative, f/u with PCP
 - **GREATER** than **3.5 µg/dL** → **report THEN confirm**
 - **REPORT:** must be reported to the State of California through the EBLR reporting system within 24-48 hrs (**this is done by nursing staff**) Nurses should report using link: <https://eblr.cdph.ca.gov/Shared/Login.aspx>
 - **CONFIRMATION:** Venous blood draw to quest or labcorp.
- **DOCUMENTATION:**
 - In addition to your typical documentation, please be aware that the charge capture should automatically add when the note is signed by the provider.

