

Important Lead Screening Updates for Young Children

MVP Health Care® (MVP) knows that identification of conditions that could adversely affect development is critically important to ensure early intervention. New York State, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recognize the need for improved testing and reporting of blood lead levels.

Lead Testing: What you need to know and do

- All children need to be tested twice, once at 1 year of age, and again at 2 years, regardless of the initial result.
- All children between 2 and 6 years old without a blood test on record need to be tested ASAP.
- Repeat testing and /or referral to Early Intervention (EI) services for levels greater than 5mcg/dl.
- Completion of a lead risk assessment questionnaire does not satisfy New York State's lead testing requirements but should be utilized in older children at risk for lead exposure.
- Physician Office Laboratories that conduct blood lead testing are required to report all results to the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) through NYSIIS (New York State Immunization Information System).

At MVP, we recommend that all provider practices enter lead test results in NYSIIS to maintain a complete data profile for each of their patients.