

Pediatric lead testing FAQ

HealthKeepers, Inc. offers pediatric lead testing services for Anthem HealthKeepers Plus members. Please see the list of questions below for more information.

How is the lead testing program administered?

Lead testing is done through LabCorp and their partnership with MEDTOX. Please visit <https://www.labcorp.com>.

How can providers get lead testing kits?

Fingerstick lead testing kits can be ordered through LabCorp. LabCorp then ships the test to MEDTOX for processing/analysis. The turnaround time for results is approximately four days.

Are providers charged up front for ordering kits?

No, providers are not charged up front for ordering kits.

Are providers charged for unused kits?

No, providers are not charged for unused kits.

Is there an expiration date for the kits?

No, there is no expiration date for the kits.

What is included with the kits?

Kits contain instructions, a form, gauze, an alcohol swab, a lancet and a BAND-AID[®].

Is there direct reimbursement for lead testing (CPT code 83655) to the physician's office for this service?

No, all lead tests are to be performed by LabCorp, and they provide all of the supplies. Providers complete the test in the office and call LabCorp to pick up the specimen. Results are usually available within four days.

Is there reimbursement for the finger stick (CPT code 36416)?

Yes, we will reimburse at the rate determined by the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) that is applicable on the date of service. If a test is billed with **any** lab procedure code requiring blood serum to perform the test, CPT code 36416 will deny incidental to the lab code. This is a National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edit.

Is lead testing part of the physician office lab?

No, lead testing is not part of the physician office lab list.

Is lead testing part of the physician office lab list when the physician's office receives direct reimbursement for the test?

This is not applicable.

The information in this bulletin may be an update or change to your provider manual. Find the most current manual at:

<https://mediproviders.anthem.com/va>

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Is lead testing part of the physician office lab list when the specimen must be sent to an outside lab?

No, it denies incidental to the lab test.

Is there reimbursement for the lab handling fee (CPT code 99000)?

Yes, we will reimburse at the rate determined by the DMAS on the date of service provided a lab procedure requiring blood serum is not submitted in addition to the handling fee. If a test is billed with **any** lab procedure code requiring blood serum to perform the test, CPT code 99000 will deny incidental to the lab code. This is an NCCI edit.