

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## HEDIS News You Can Use Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

Aetna Better Health of Florida has noted a declining rate of lead screening.

Year	2020	2021	Current
LSC Rate	74.5	71.78	62.08
Goal for 2022	50 <sup>th</sup> % 71.53	75 <sup>th</sup> % 77.86	



### Measurement Requirement

HEDIS requires children who turn 2 years old during the measurement year to have had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

Medical record documentation must include both of the following:

- A note indicating the date the test was performed
- The result or finding



### Coding Information

To ensure the lead screenings you provide are counted toward your HEDIS performance rate, use appropriate CPT codes with your claims for administrative compliance.

- **CPT Code:** 83655

❖ The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention has updated its BLVR from 5 µg/dL to 3.5 µg/dL in response to the Lead Exposure Prevention and Advisory Committee (LEPAC) recommendation made on May 14, 2021.



### BEST PRACTICES

- Identify children at greatest risk and screen beginning at 6 months old. Be sure to utilize standardized lead screening questionnaires to determine if a child is at risk.
- Children at lower risk for lead exposure may be tested at 12– 15 months of age.
- Conduct necessary follow-up and explain to parents why follow-up is or isn't needed.
- ❖ **Additional information on prevention, well-care and health promotion for children ages birth to 21 can be found at Bright Futures: [Brightfutures.aap.org](https://www.brightfutures.org)**
- ❖ **Please note: The LSC measure is hybrid. Any care missed via claims during the measurement year will result in medical record requests in the HEDIS Medical Record Review Project**



### Here for You

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