

Head Start references EPSDT as a standard of well child care and that Lead Screening for all children is required under EPSDT by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. CMS requires that all children receive a screening blood Lead test at 12 months and 24 months of age. Children between the ages of 36 to 72 months must also have a Lead blood test if a lead toxicity test has not been previously conducted.

In order for Head Start programs to meet and comply with Head Start Program Performance Standards, they must ensure that all children receive a Lead toxicity blood test.

Record of a Blood Lead test must be on the “Child’s Medical Record”. If a child has had a Blood Lead drawn in the past, please write the results on the form. If a Blood Lead has never been completed, then please complete one at this visit.