

Area:	Health Services
Subject:	HS36 – Lead Levels Testing
Reference:	1304.20 (a)(1)(ii)(A)(B)(C)(iii)(iv)
Policy:	The Head Start program will work in partnership with parents/guardians to ensure that enrolled children receive a lead screening following Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) /Early Diagnostic Treatment and Screening (EPSDT) guidelines.

Procedure:**Lead Level Screenings/Blood Lead Level Testing:**

1. Designated Health staff will review child's physical or lab results to obtain blood lead level screening results conducted by child's health care provider. If lead level results are not noted on the child's physical/lab results are submitted to the program by the parent/guardian; Health Staff, Family Service Workers/Child Care Specialists (Home Base) are to obtain a Release of Parent/Guardian Lead Level Results from parent/guardian and send to the child's medical provider/Health Services Agency for lead level results if available.
2. Lead level results will entered into the electronic data base for tracking purposes to determine if child is up to date per EPSDT guidelines.
3. Elevated lead levels are to be tracked by Head Start Nurses to ensure parent/guardian is working with their child's health care provider so that child is receiving appropriate medical treatment. Child's status will be shared with the multidisciplinary team at Case Conferencing monthly while child receives treatment to ensure that family is receiving any additional support/parent education. Treatment status and steps taken will be documented in the Case Conferencing form.

Blood Lead Level Reporting:

1. The Head Start Nurse will contact the local Public Health Department to ensure that the Lead Prevention program has received elevated blood lead level results from the child's primary health care provider. If the Public Health Department has not been informed of child elevated blood lead level results, the Head Start Nurse will ensure that the parent/guardian has completed a Release of Parent/Guardian Lead Level Results form so that child's blood lead levels, name of child's health care provider and any subsequent treatment information can be shared by both agencies.
2. Any elevated lead levels and subsequent Head Start actions, will be updated in Family Case Notes, including the date the child was referred to the local Public Health Department. The local Public Health Department will provide a health case management plan for the child.

Parent/Guardian and/or Health Care Provider Refusal of Blood Lead Level Testing:

1. If Parent/Guardian refuses to follow up with EPSDT guidelines for blood lead level testing for child, Designated Health Staff/Educators will provide parent/guardian

education so that parent/guardian is informed of elevated blood lead level risks and EPSDT guidelines. Lead level education/conversations with parent/guardian will be documented in case notes. If all efforts of Head Start staff to support/educate parent/guardian (e.g.: lead education, transportation needs, etc.) and despite those efforts, parent/guardian continues to refuse blood lead level testing for child, Designated Health Staff will complete a Treatment Refusal Form with parent/guardian which will include their signature. Designated Health Staff will enter reason that child is not up to date on EPSDT status for tracking and reporting purposes.

2. If child's health care provider refuses to order blood lead level testing and is not complying with EPSDT guidelines, the Head Start Nurse will contact the health care provider's office to inform the health care provider of need to order blood lead testing to comply with the child's EPSDT schedule. If health care provider continues to refuse the order, the Head Start Nurse will contact the local Public Health Department's Lead Prevention Program to report the concern so the department can follow up with the provider. Head Start Nurse will enter actions taken in Family Case Notes.

Supervised by: Director of Health Services

Performed by: Designated Health Staff, Head Start Nurse , Family Service Worker, Educator, Child Care Specialist

Forms needed: Child Physical/Lab Results, Parent/Guardian Release of Lead Level Results, Consent Form, Parent Notification of Lead Testing, Family Case Notes, Case Conferencing form, Electronic Tracking Reports,

Frequency: Annually