

ATTENTION CHIP PROVIDERS: Filter Paper Lead Blood Testing Information

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The Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requires at least one lead blood test before 2 years of age. (CPT 83655).

For lead blood testing, finger prick filter paper lead testing is acceptable and can help CHIP providers increase their lead blood test rates because this test is:

Simple

- Tests may be performed with 2 drops of blood during a routine well child visit
- May be less invasive and traumatic for children than venous collection
- No spinning, refrigeration, or phlebotomist required
- Reports are available by fax, secure website, or EMR

Cost-Effective

- Collection supplies and specimen shipment are included
- No special equipment to purchase and maintain
- Labs file claims with Highmark

Accurate

- State-of-the art technology assures timely and accurate results
- Samples are stable for up to 6 months
- Meets CHIP requirements for lead blood testing

Ordering Filter Paper Test Kits

LabCorp and Kirby Memorial Health Center provide and will pick up filter paper lead blood test kits free of charge.

LabCorp

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