

Requirements and Tips: CHIP Well Child Visits, Lead Blood Tests, and Developmental Screenings

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Important Requirements for CHIP Providers

The Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requires well child visits, lead blood tests, and developmental screenings for CHIP patients of certain ages.

- CHIP members require six well child visits before 15 months of age. (CPT 99381, 99382, 99391, 99392, 99461)
- CHIP members require at least one lead blood test before 2 years of age. (CPT 83655)
- CHIP members from 1 to 3 years of age require **annual** developmental screenings to detect autism, learning disabilities, and developmental delays **before** the child's birthday each year. (CPT 96110)

Well child visits help to assess physical, emotional, and social development, as well as identify any critical screening and counseling needs. Furthermore, detecting lead poisoning and developmental issues early in children is essential for them to receive timely care.

Highmark covers well child visits, lead blood testing, and developmental screenings for CHIP members.

For lead blood testing, finger prick filter paper lead testing is acceptable and may be preferred due to the ages of the members and ease of sample submission via mail or in-office pickup.

Tips for Your Office Staff

Office Registration and Scheduling

- Pull your CHIP Monthly Gap Report from the **Quality Blue** section of Availity® and reach out to CHIP member's parents/guardians to schedule well child visits, lead blood testing, and developmental screenings prior to the due date on the monthly CHIP Monthly Gap Report.
- Use the Clinical Quality Feedback Loop to submit previously performed well child visits, lead blood tests, and developmental screenings that were not submitted to Highmark.
- Remind CHIP members that well child visits, lead blood testing, and developmental screenings are covered benefits with **no** out-of-pocket costs to CHIP members and their families.
- Remind families that CHIP members are required to have well child visits, lead blood tests, and developmental screenings at the ages above.

Health Care Professionals

- Remind the members' parents/guardians that:
 - Six well child visits are required by age 15 months, and annually between ages of 2-6 years.

- Lead blood testing is required before the child turns 2 years of age.
- Developmental screenings are required annually before the child's first, second, and third birthdays.
- Incentives for quality care include well child visits, lead blood testing before a child turns 2 years, and immunizations for children under 2 years of age.

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