

Diagnosing and Treating Elevated Blood Levels in Children

Children with a blood lead level of $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$ are considered to have an Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL). If a child's elevated level was detected via a capillary test, the level should be confirmed through a venous draw. If the level is $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$ by venous draw, all siblings residing in the home should also receive lead testing, even if they have previously tested within normal limits or if they are above the Early and Periodic, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) testing age.

More detailed information and guidance on case management and retesting guidelines for EBLL can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) website](#).

All members with an EBLL should receive ongoing tracking through two methods:

1. Referral to Early Intervention or DART for tracking services. This can be done through the CONNECT Helpline at **1-800-692-7288**.
2. Additional developmental screenings by the provider to ensure that the member is achieving developmental milestones on time.

Children with an EBLL should also be referred for an Environmental Lead Investigation (ELI). Highmark Wholecare has three ELI providers which are listed below.

Environmental Lead Investigation Services

County	Provider	Instructions
Allegheny	Allegheny County Health Department	Please fax a prescription including a diagnosis, lead level, and parent/guardian contact information to 412-350-2792 . Phone: 412-350-3836
Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York	Pinnacle Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Please utilize the Pinnacle Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Referral Form found on our website. Please fax the completed form to 717-221-5277 . Phone: 717-782-6443 or 717-782-4608
All others	Accredited Environmental Technologies (AET)	Please utilize the Accredited Environmental Technologies (AET) Environmental Lead Investigation Referral Form found on our website. Please fax the completed form to 610-891-0559 . Phone: 1-800-969-6AET (238)



Services are limited to one Environmental Lead Investigation per household/address. Questions regarding the EPSDT program can be directed to EPSDTinfo@HighmarkWholecare.com.