

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
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**TO: ALL CHDP PROVIDERS
PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS
HEAD START/STATE PRESCHOOL DIVISION**

SUBJECT: California Childhood Lead Screening Regulations

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with a summary of the State screening guidelines and recommendations regarding blood lead screening. Provider regulations required by health care providers participating in CHDP and publicly funded programs for low-income children include:

**Blood Lead test for children at age 1 and 2 years
Or 2-6 years if never tested previously**

For Health Care Providers that are not participating in CHDP or a publicly funded program all children should be assessed at 1 and 2 years, Or 2-6 years if not previously assessed by asking the following question:

Has the child lived in, or spent a lot of time in, a place built before 1978, that has peeling or chipped paint, or has been recently renovated prior to this assessment? Yes No

If response to question is “Yes” or “Don’t Know” a Blood Lead test should be performed.

For Lead screening questions call:
1-800-LA-4-LEAD (1-800-524-5323)

Or visit

www.cdph.ca.gov/childlead/
www.dhs.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/guide