

Handling of Blood Lead Levels

Children are considered to have Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLL) at $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$. If a child’s level was achieved via a capillary test, the level should be confirmed via a venous draw.

If the level is $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$ by venous draw, siblings in the home should also receive lead testing, even if previous tests showed that their levels were within normal limits. It should also be completed even if they are above the age of typical EPSDT testing ages.

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 at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/acclpp/actions-blls.htm>

All members with an elevated blood lead level 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 Elevated Blood Lead Level should be referred for an Environmental Lead Investigation.

Environmental Lead Investigation Services

We have four Environmental Lead Investigation Providers:

	Locale	Provider	Instructions
1.	Allegheny County Residents	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
2.	York City Residents	City of York Bureau of Health	Please fax a prescription including diagnosis and lead level to 717-843-5605 – If you have questions, please call 717-849-2336.
3.	Adams Cumberland Dauphin Fulton Franklin Huntingdon Lancaster Lebanon Perry York (outside of York City Limits)	Pinnacle Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Please utilize referral form found on our website: HighmarkWholecare.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provider •Provider Resources •EPSDT Information •Pinnacle Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Referral Form Please fax the completed form to: 717-221-5277. Phone: 717-782-6443 717-782-4608
4.	All others	Accredited Environmental Technologies (AET)	Please utilize referral form: HighmarkWholecare.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provider •Provider Resources •EPSDT Information •Accredited Environmental Technologies (AET) Environmental Lead Investigation Referral Form Please fax the completed form to 610-891-0559 Phone: 1-800-969-6AET(238)



Services are limited to 1 ELI per household/address.

Questions regarding the EPSDT program can be directed to EPSDTinfo@HighmarkWholecare.com.