



Blood Lead Screening – Kirby

The Pennsylvania EPSDT Periodicity Schedule requires that all children under age seven receive a minimum of two blood lead screenings as part of EPSDT well child screenings, regardless of the individual child's risk factors. The tests for lead screening should be conducted during the nine (9) month or twelve (12) month screening and the second test for lead should be conducted during the twenty-four (24) month screening. Please refer to the Pennsylvania EPSDT Periodicity Schedule for further testing clarification.

The PCP can use either their designated laboratory or Kirby Health Center Laboratory to process blood lead samples. If you choose to send blood lead samples to Kirby Health Center, you must use the sample Lead Analysis ID Form. The form is only for Highmark Wholecare (Gateway) members, and when completing the form please verify the member's eligibility. All demographic information, including the practitioner name, member name, member address, member date of birth, Highmark Wholecare member identification number, and the date of service must be completed for the sample to be processed. This form can be accessed on the Highmark Wholecare EPSDT Website: <https://highmarkwholecare.com/Provider/Provider-Resources/EPSDT-Information> under "Lead Screening Analysis."

A supply kit of Highmark Wholecare Lead ID Forms, postage-paid mailers, instructions, capillary collectors or filter papers for sample collection, and supply reorder forms may be requested through Kirby Health Center Laboratory by calling 1-888-841-6699. When ordering a supply kit, please identify yourself as a participating Highmark Wholecare practitioner.

Members with a venous lead draw showing an Elevated Blood Lead Level of ≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$, are eligible for an Environmental Lead Investigation (ELI).

Health benefits or health benefit administration may be provided by or through Highmark Wholecare, coverage by Gateway Health Plan, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("Highmark Wholecare").