

SECTION: Certification**SUBJECT: Lead Screening Requirement**

POLICY

Lead screening is mandated by State Law that an infant/child's pediatric primary Health Care Provider test blood lead levels:

- Yearly between 9 months and 35 months of age
- On any child between 35 and 72 months of age who was not previously screened
- At any time when medically indicated

At the time of certification, local agency staff shall determine if a lead test has been performed. Children who have not been screened for lead poisoning, or whose screening status is unknown, shall be referred to their health care provider.

Instructions to parents/guardians about the certification process should include information regarding lead screening recommendations.

At the time of certification, determine if a lead test has been performed. If the health care provider has not reported this information on the WIC certification form, ask the parent/guardian if the child has been screened. Refer children who have not been screened, or whose screening status is unknown to their health care provider.