



CLIA-Waived LeadCare® II Blood-Lead Testing in California

Getting started in California

Laboratories (and physician offices) using a waived device for blood-lead testing in California must: 1) have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, 2) be registered or licensed by the state, and 3) report electronically ALL blood-level results to CDPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch.

1. Verify the lab has a CLIA Certificate of Waiver (or higher). It must be faxed to California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Bldg. P, 3rd Fl. Richmond, CA 94804-6403, Attn: Mario Amanzio Fax: (510) 620-5702, or e-mail it to: EBLRSupport@cdph.ca.gov.
2. Register with the State of CA, Laboratory Field Services: LFS can be found on the Web at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/lfs/Pages/ClinicalLaboratoryFacilities.aspx>.
 - > Complete LAB 155 form
 - > Registration fee applies
 - > Send LAB 155 form to:
DHS-Field Lab Field Services
Facility registration
850 Marina Bay Pkwy, Bldg P, 1st Floor
Richmond, CA 94804-6403
3. Electronic reporting: State law requires ALL blood lead test results be electronically reported to the state.
 - > Contact Mario Amanzio at the CLPPB for reporting instructions and training. Call (510) 620-5653, or e-mail: EBLRSupport@cdph.ca.gov.

Reimbursement

To access reimbursement through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program you must appear on the list of proficient laboratories maintained by the California Blood Lead Proficiency Assurance Program (CBLPAP). This requires participation in a proficiency-testing program.

1. Sign up for a proficiency-testing program:
 - > Call Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (608) 224-6252 to sign up for their free program.
 - > Inform WSLH that you are participating in the CA CHDP program.
 - > Once you have passed a *five-sample proficiency testing (PT) event*, WSLH will notify CBLPAP.
2. Sign up for the CBLPAP (CA Blood Lead Proficiency Assurance Program)
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/labs/Pages/ClinicalLaboratoriesLinks.aspx>.
 - > Contact: Mary Fowler at (510) 620-2879, or Mary.Fowler@cdph.ca.gov.
 - > Complete the application and submit required documentation
http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/NonCtrlForms/labApplicationForm_608.pdf.
 - > You will be given a start date to test CHDP clients for blood lead AFTER your lab is rated proficient.
3. Reimbursement from CHDP: Direct questions to your Regional Nurse Consultant
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>.
 - > CA Dept of Public Health's EHLB will notify CMS that your office is deemed proficient for analysis of blood lead. They will send you a letter of confirmation.
 - > Claims can be submitted AFTER receipt of the formal letter and notification from Electronic Data Systems. (details explained in the confirmation letter).
 - > You are approved to bill as a laboratory provider for blood lead **using code 15** (\$22.45).
 - This code must be billed on a separate PM 160 claim form using your National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.
 - Additionally, you must indicate a **place of service code of 81 (lab)** in the two-digit place of service field on the PM 160.
 - > It is necessary to complete a separate PM 160 for all other services.
 - For example, **if billing for code 23** (lead counseling and blood drawing for lead testing at the rate of \$18.73) you would **complete another PM 160** using your NPI number and indicating a **place of service code 11 (office)** in the two-digit place of service field on the PM 160.

To access private pay reimbursement

1. Verify the lab has a CLIA Certificate of Waiver and is registered with the state of CA, LFS.
2. Verify you are set up to report ALL blood lead test results electronically to the state.
3. Bill the private insurer using CPT code 83655.