

135.105D Blood lead testing provider education payor of last resort.

1. For purposes of this section:

a. "Blood lead testing" means taking a capillary or venous sample of blood and sending it to a laboratory to determine the level of lead in the blood.

b. "Capillary" means a blood sample taken from the finger or heel for lead analysis.

c. "Health care provider" means a physician who is licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A, or a person who is licensed as a physician assistant under chapter 148C or as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

d. "Venous" means a blood sample taken from a vein in the arm for lead analysis.

2. The department shall work with health care provider associations to educate health care providers regarding requirements for testing children who are enrolled in certain federally funded programs and regarding department recommendations for testing other children for lead poisoning.

3. The department shall implement blood lead testing for children under six years of age who are not eligible for the testing services to be paid by a third-party source. The department shall contract with one or more public health laboratories to provide blood lead analysis for such children. The department shall establish by rule the procedures for health care providers to submit samples to the contracted public health laboratories for analysis. The department shall also establish by rule a method to reimburse health care providers for drawing blood samples from such children and the dollar amount that the department will reimburse health care providers for the service. Payment for blood lead analysis and drawing blood samples shall be limited to the amount appropriated for the program in a fiscal year.

2006 Acts, ch 1184, §79

Footnotes

Nurse licensure, see chapter 152