

SECTION: NURSING

POLICY #: 436 LEAD SCREENING

POLICY: Central Valley Health District will provide Lead Screening for children who are considered at risk for lead toxicity, to detect potential abnormalities in the child's blood lead levels. Children ages 6 to 72 months of age will be considered top priority for screening. Children found to have blood lead levels of 10 or above will be referred to their primary care provider for evaluation.

PROCEDURE:

1. Complete client documentation and chart per policy.
2. CVHD will provide lead screening to Head Start children (See attached memo from 5-4-2007.)
3. Complete lead screening questionnaire (See Attachment A) and CVHD release of records for Community Action Head Start and clients personal medical provider.
4. Obtain whole blood sample using established guidelines as outlined on Attachment B (Medtox Laboratories guidelines).
5. Complete Medtox Laboratories Lead requisition form (see attached).
6. Send specimen and required forms to MedTox Laboratories for analysis.
7. Results of the test will be returned to Central Valley Health District as outlined below:
 - a. **Negative and moderately elevated blood level** results will be mailed, to CVHD within approximately 14 days.
 - b. **Extremely elevated blood level results** will be phoned to CVHD within 2-4 days.
8. CVHD will submit results of **children enrolled in** Community Action/Head Start to Community Action/ Head Start who will be responsible for notifying parents of the test results and provide a referral for follow-up for elevated results.
9. Parents of non-Head Start children will be notified by CVHD upon receipt of the results. If test results are elevated immediately notify parent(s) that further testing is required and provide a referral to their personal medical provider. Mail copy of the results to their provider.

Handouts: Disease Facts: LEAD – attachment C