



Lead Screening in Children

Best Practice

Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978, but approximately 24 million housing units still have deteriorated leaded paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust. Children are more sensitive to lead than adults and symptoms of lead poisoning in children are more difficult to reverse.¹

Wellness Report

Molina Healthcare annually monitors the percentage of children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

HEDIS [®] Measure	2007 Rate	2008 Rate	2009 Rate	Goal*
Lead Screening in Children	58.48%	63.21%	58.90%	79.32%

*National NCQA 75th percentile for Medicaid HMO plans.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Blood Lead Levels, MMWR Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report*, 2005