

March 19, 2025

Important update from Molina Healthcare –

Summary: Increasing Blood Lead Testing in Arizona's Children

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) are collaborating to increase blood lead screening rates and address lead exposure in Arizona's children.

Current Screening Rates & Concerns

- In 2022, only 6.1% of children at 12 and 24 months were screened for lead.
- 461 children had elevated blood lead levels (≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$).
- Only 37% of AHCCCS beneficiaries in this age group received lead testing.

Blood Lead Testing Recommendations

- ADHS Recommends: Testing at 12 months, 24 months, and for children 24–72 months who have not been previously tested.
- AHCCCS Requirements (AMPM Chapter 400):
 - Mandatory testing at 12 & 24 months.
 - Children aged 24 months to 6 years must be tested if no prior screening was done.
 - Venous confirmation required for fingerstick results ≥ 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.
 - Mandatory reporting of all lead test results to AzCLPPP.

Additional Screening for Refugee Children

- All refugee children ≤ 16 years must be tested within 90 days of arrival.
- Follow-up testing for children ≤ 6 years should occur 3–6 months after resettlement, regardless of initial results.

Call to Action

Testing is the only way to detect lead poisoning, as symptoms are often absent. Healthcare providers are urged to increase testing efforts to protect children's health.

For questions, contact AzCLPPP at healthyhomes@azdhs.gov.

Molina Healthcare of Arizona Network Team

Hello to our Arizona Medicaid Provider Network!

The AHWGMA is a statewide data collection tool used to help the [Arizona Workforce Development Coalition \(AWFDC\)](#) by gathering organization-specific information, analyzing data, and assessing the current and future needs of the Arizona Network Workforce. The results of this process give insight for future funding opportunities, highlight where support is needed and assist with the prioritization of initiatives/projects across the network.

AHWGMA Submission Window

AHWGMA Release	AHWGMA Close
April 1, 2025	May 31, 2025

Don't forget to register for one of the informational webinars or Q&A sessions for 2025's Arizona Healthcare Workforce Goals and Metrics Assessment (AHWGMA).

Informational Webinars

This 60 minute webinar is designed to give a high-level overview of this statewide initiative, review the questions on this year's iteration of the assessment, and provide an opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the goals and metrics that are crucial for success of the Arizona Healthcare Workforce.

- [Click here to register for March 12, 2025 @ 10-11 am AZ](#)
- [Click here to register for March 25, 2025 @ 1-2 pm AZ](#)

Q&A Sessions

This 30 minute Q&A session is designed to provide an opportunity to ask questions regarding the 2025 AZ Healthcare Workforce Goals and Metrics Assessment (AHWGMA).

- [Click here to register for April 16, 2025 @ 10-10:30 am AZ](#)
- [Click here to register for April 24, 2025 @ 2-2:30 pm AZ](#)
- [Click here to register for May 20, 2025 @ 10-10:30 am AZ](#)

If your organization is one of the [AHCCCS Provider Types](#) on this list, you are contractually required* to complete this assessment. See your contracted [Health Plans Manual](#) for more information.

**For questions regarding the Workforce Development requirements under DDD, please contact the Workforce Development Manager at dddworkforcedevelopment@azdes.gov*

For more information or additional resources, visit the [2025 AHWGMA](#) website.









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