

Vermont’s Health Screening Recommendations for Children & Adolescents (Bright Futures Guidelines / EPSDT Periodicity Schedule) require lead testing at 12 months and 24 months. Preferably, lead testing should be performed within the context of a routine EPSDT health supervision visit. **Medicaid does not bundle lead testing as part of the preventive medicine service.**

In addition to the CPT code for a routine EPSDT “Preventive Medicine Service” visit (CPT CODES 99380s and 99390s), the following components of the lead testing procedure performed in the primary care setting can be billed:

Code	Description of Services
CPT Code 36415	For venipuncture
CPT Code 36416	For finger stick
CPT Code 83655	(For CLIA-certified laboratories) Pathology and Laboratory Lead Chemistry (this code includes the technical analysis)

If justified by an identified problem (e.g. elevated blood level), **one** of the following codes is allowable for a follow-up visit:

CPT Code 99401 (15 mins)	Preventive medicine counseling
CPT Code 99402 (30 mins)	
CPT Code 99403 (45 mins)	
CPT Code 99404 (60 mins)	
CPT Code 99420	Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment (active but not payable by Medicaid)
CPT Codes 99201 – 99205 or	Evaluation and management visit
CPT Codes 99211 – 99215	

Blood lead sample and collection supplies and analysis of specimens at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory are currently available at no charge to the provider. Please note that providers are responsible for costs associated with shipping specimens to the lab.

Questions about billing policy should be directed to Provider Services at DXC Technology at 800-925-1706 or in Chittenden County at 802-878-7871. For questions about lead testing recommendations, call the Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 802-863-7220 or at 800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont).