

VERBAL LEAD SCREENING and BLOOD LEAD TESTING

At Maricopa Health Plan we are working to increase the percentage of children ages six months to six years who receive a verbal lead screening assessment. During the second quarter of 2009, EPSDT form monitoring revealed that only 17 % of eligible children received a verbal blood lead assessment at their EPSDT visits.

All AHCCCS eligible children ages six months to six years must receive a verbal lead screening assessment at each EPSDT visit. The provider must verbally ask the parent or guardian a series of questions related to possible lead exposure. This verbal discussion must be documented on the EPSDT form in addition to the medical record.

Per EPSDT form review only 33% of 12 and 24 month olds received the Blood Lead Test. All 12 and 24 month olds should receive the actual blood lead test. Remember to always document these tests on the EPSDT form as well as on the medical record.