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## Quantitative Blood Lead Analysis Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes Providers must report all results from in office blood lead testing on children up to age six to the Maine CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit (CLPPU), through ImmPact, the State of Maine's immunization registry.</li><li>• CLPPU Phone: 287-4311 Fax: 287-3981</li></ul>
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A blood lead test is mandatory for children at one and two years of age. In office testing is allowed, please see the second page for information about the Lead Care II Instrument.</li><li>• Providers must confirm all capillary blood lead levels <math>\geq 3.5</math> ug/dL with venous samples sent to HETL.</li></ul>
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, address, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li><li>• <b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole blood: collect capillary or venous, with a minimum of 300<math>\mu</math>L</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Venous samples MUST be collected in lead-free tan top or royal blue tubes (EDTA or sodium heparin). Capillary samples can be collected in the above tubes, or lavender top tubes.</li><li>• Samples must be refrigerated until shipment. Samples can be shipped at ambient temperature.</li><li>• Please see page 2 for Nine Steps To A Successful Capillary Blood Lead Screening.</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Results are generally available within 24 hrs of specimen receipt.</li></ul>
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specimens received without a requisition form, clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled, unlabeled, or leaking containers. Specimens transported at incorrect temperature. Venous specimens received in lavender top tubes will be rejected. Specimens not received within 14 days of collection. Specimens containing sodium citrate or containing blood clots.</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Results are reported in <math>\mu</math>g/dL.</li><li>• Results less than 3<math>\mu</math>g/dL are reported as &lt;3<math>\mu</math>g/dL.</li><li>• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition, and also to CLPPU.</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$25.00</li></ul>
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 83655</li></ul>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704    Blood Lead at 287-6649</li><li>• Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722</li><li>• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769</li><li>• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706</li></ul>