Quick Guide for Lead Poisoning Prevention, Clinical Evaluation, and Management

Schedule for Blood Lead Level (BLL) Screening:

- At any time between age 6-72 months if risk assessment indicates possible exposure.
- Routinely, at 12 and 24 months (12 months between samples), if Medicaid eligible/enrollee.
- At any time between 36-72 months if not previously screened, if Medicaid eligible/enrollee.
- Annually (6-72 months) with risk factors.
- Anytime when medically indicated in work-up of some unexplained illnesses (example: severe anemia, seizures, lethargy, abdominal pain).

Blood Lead Screening and Healthy Homes Summary (Verbal Risk Assessment)
*Every visit from 6 months to 72 months

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<td>Does your child live in or visit a home, daycare, or other building built before 1950?</td>
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<td>Does your child spend at least six hours a week at a home, daycare, or other building built before 1978 with recent, ongoing or planned remodeling?</td>
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<td>Does your child have a family member or friend who has or did have an elevated blood lead level?</td>
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<td>Does your child frequently come in contact with an adult who works with lead (i.e. construction, painting, welding, mechanic, and bullet manufacturing)?</td>
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<td>Have you seen your child mouthing or touching painted surfaces, keys, electrical cords, jewelry, vinyl (plastic) mini-blinds or bare soil outside near the home?</td>
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<td>Do you give your child any home or folk remedies which may contain lead (i.e. Kohl, Sindoor, Greta, Azarcon, and turmeric)?</td>
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<td>Does your child drink well water?</td>
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Steps to Limit Lead Exposure

Provide “Lead and Healthy Homes” and “Lead Fact Sheet” which includes the following data:
- Hand washing before eating and after playing outside
- Clean child’s toys, bottles and pacifiers often
- Provide child with Calcium, Iron and Vitamin C enriched foods daily
- Have barriers blocking access to lead hazards
- Wet wipe window sills
- Wet mop floors and stairs once a week or more using an all-purpose cleaner.

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Reporting Requirements

According to the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions, Blood Lead Poisoning is considered a Class II and Class III reportable disease.

- **Class II** requires all venous elevated blood lead levels ≥5µg/dL in patients less than or equal to six years of age must be reported to the Mississippi State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program.

- **Class III** is for laboratory based surveillance (also includes ESA Leadcare Providers) requires that ALL blood lead level results in patients less than or equal to 6 years of age must be reported to the Mississippi State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program. Please follow the link below for a copy of the MSDH List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions.
  
  https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/877.pdf