

211.903 Testing for lead poisoning.

- (1) Testing for lead poisoning shall be an eligible benefit for recipients of the Commonwealth's Medical Assistance Program. In addition, testing for lead poisoning shall be made available as part of the regular immunization program offered by the cabinet and shall be provided without charge by the cabinet and by local health departments.
- (2) The secretary shall establish programs throughout the Commonwealth, with priority given to high-risk areas, for the voluntary screening and diagnosis of at-risk persons. Such programs shall systematically test for elevated lead blood levels in all at-risk persons seventy-two (72) months of age and younger and shall include an outreach program if necessary. Priority shall be given to at-risk persons who are one (1) year of age through three (3) years of age. Such programs shall not apply to those persons having religious objections to such testing. Such testing shall be made by such means and at such intervals as the secretary shall by regulation determine may be medically necessary and proper.
- (3) The secretary shall be responsible for providing follow-up screening and diagnostic programs for those persons who were previously diagnosed and treated for lead poisoning or were previously diagnosed as having an elevated lead blood level. The frequency with which follow-up shall be performed shall be determined by the secretary.

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