

# Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Recommended Lead Screening Schedule

1. Using either a venous or a capillary blood lead test, screen all children who are enrolled in MaineCare at 12 months and 24 months of age.
2. For children that are **not** enrolled in MaineCare, the following basic questionnaire should be used to determine the level of risk at 12 months and 24 months of age:

- a. Does your child live in or visit, more than 10 hours per week, any house built before 1950?
- b. Does your child live in or visit, more than 10 hours per week, any house before 1978 that was renovated or remodeled within the past 6 months?
- c. Does your child spend time with an adult whose job is in construction, painting or fishing?
- d. Is your child enrolled in MaineCare ?

If the parent answers “**yes**” or “**I don’t know**” to any of these questions, a blood lead screening test should be performed.

3. Screen children from 36-72 months of age if they have **not** previously been screened or if they have changed residence since their previous screening test and they are determined to be at risk for lead exposure.
4. In addition to screening children on the basis of risk, screening for lead exposure should be considered in the differential diagnosis of children with unexplained illness such as severe anemia, lethargy, abdominal pain, developmental delays, behavioral problems, or ADHD.

***Collection supplies for blood lead samples and mailing containers may be obtained at no charge by calling the HETL @ 287-2727***