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Attention Providers Serving Healthy Kids or Nevada Check Up Recipients:

Lead Testing Guidance according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Future's Periodicity Schedule

Nevada Medicaid follows the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines for Preventive Pediatric Health Care. A blood lead test is recommended for all children at 12 and 24 months of age. The AAP also advises conducting a risk assessment at 6, 9, and 18 months, as well as at 3, 4, 5, and 6 years of age, with appropriate follow-up if medically indicated.

Blood lead assessments are part of regular Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)/Healthy Kids checkups and are included in the billing for a routine exam. Providers may conduct the assessment in their office. If a blood lead test is deemed necessary, the clinic may either perform the test—provided they hold a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver and have a CLIA-waived blood lead testing device—or refer the patient to an external laboratory.

The procedure codes listed below are eligible for reimbursement to certain provider types when a blood lead test is indicated. For information regarding reimbursement rates and eligibility, please refer to the Nevada Medicaid Fee Schedules.

CPT Code	Description
36415	Collection of venous blood sample
36416	Collection of capillary blood sample
83655	Blood lead test

For questions and additional information on the policy updates, contact the Medical & Dental Benefits Coverage unit: medicalprograms@nvha.nv.gov.