

Vermont’s Health Screening Recommendations for Children & Adolescents (Bright Futures Guidelines/EPSTD Periodicity Schedule) require lead screening at 12 months and 24 months. Preferably, lead screening should be performed within the context of a routine EPSTD health supervision visit.

Medicaid does not bundle lead screening as part of the preventive medicine service.

In addition to the CPT code for a routine EPSTD “Preventive Medicine Service” visit (CPT CODES 99380’s and 99390’s), the following components of the lead screening procedure performed in the primary care setting can be billed:

Code	Description of Services
CPT Code 36415	For venipuncture
CPT Code 36416	For finger stick
CPT Code 83655	(For CLIA-certified laboratories) Pathology and Laboratory Lead Chemistry (this code includes the technical analysis)

If justified by an identified problem (e.g., elevated blood level), **one** of the following codes is allowable for a follow-up visit:

CPT Code 99401 (15 mins)	Preventive medicine counseling
CPT Code 99402 (30 mins)	
CPT Code 99403 (45 mins)	
CPT Code 99404 (60 mins)	
CPT Code 99420	Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment
CPT Codes 99201-99205 or	Evaluation and management visit
CPT Codes 99211-99215	

Blood lead sample and collection supplies and analysis of specimens at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory are currently available at no charge to the provider. Please note that providers are responsible for costs associated with shipping specimens to the lab.

Questions about billing policy should be directed to Provider Services at HPES, 800-925-1706 or in Chittenden county 878-7871. For questions about lead screening testing recommendations, call the Vermont Department of Health at 802-865-7786 or toll-free in Vermont at 800-439-8550.