



2024 Measurement Year

MCAS MEASURE: LEAD SCREENING IN CHILDREN (LSC)

Measure Steward: National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

Gold Coast Health Plan's (GCHP) goal is to help its providers gain compliance with their annual Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) scores by providing guidance and resources. This tip sheet provides the key components to the MCAS measure, "Lead Screening in Children (LSC)."

Measure Definition: *The percentage of children, 2 years of age, who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday.*

Data Collection Method: Hybrid¹

LSC Clinical Code Sets

- ▶ For billing, reimbursement, and reporting of services completed, submit claims timely with the appropriate medical codes for all clinical conditions evaluated and services completed.

Codes used to identify lead screening tests in children.

Lab Test	CPT	LOINC
Lead Screening Test	83655	10368-9, 10912-4, 14807-2, 17052-2, 25459-9, 27129-6, 32325-3, 5671-3, 5674-7, 77307-7

Exclusion Criteria - Members with the following condition are excluded from the LSC measure:

- ▶ Members who received hospice care during the measurement year.
- ▶ Members who died during the measurement year.

Medical Record - Documentation in the medical record must include both of the following:

- ▶ A note indicating the date the test was performed.
- ▶ The result or finding.

Best Practices:

- ▶ Use the Inovalon® INDICES® Provider Insights Dashboards to identify members with gaps in care.
- ▶ Make outreach calls and/or send letters to advise members of the need for a visit.
- ▶ Lead screening can be performed adjacent with well-child exams or part of enrollment at a patient's first visit to establish care. If a parent / guardian refuses lead screening for their child, be sure to document the refusal in their medical record using a lead screening refusal form. A lead screening refusal form is available to you on GCHP's [website](#).
- ▶ Free lead testing and other services are available for all Medi-Cal and Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) enrolled members through the [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program \(CLPPP\) of Ventura County](#). Providers and members can contact CHDP at 1-805-981-5291.
- ▶ Promote GCHP's Lead Screening Member Incentive:
 - Members up to 2 years of age can earn a \$25 gift card to Amazon, Target or Walmart for completing a blood lead test on or before their second birthday. Members will need to mail or fax GCHP the completed form that includes a signature from their doctor and date of the exam. The member incentive form can be downloaded [here](#).
- ▶ GCHP offers free health education services, materials, classes, and online resources to help members achieve a healthy lifestyle. Providers can contact the Health Education Department or refer patients / guardians / caregivers to the following information:
 - Providers, call: 1-805-437-5718
 - Members, call: 1-888-301-1228 / TTY 711
 - GCHP website, Health Education Resources (provided in English and Spanish): [Click Here](#)

¹ Measure reported using *hybrid* data collection method report on a sample of the eligible population (usually 411) and use both administrative and medical record sources to evaluate if services were performed.