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2026 Measurement Year

MCAS MEASURE: LEAD SCREENING IN CHILDREN (LSC-E)

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-E)."*

Measure Definition: This measures 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: Electronic Clinic Data Systems (ECDS)[1]

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, 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.

Best Practices:

- Use the Inovalon® Provider Enablement Quality Gaps Insights 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, in English and Spanish.
- Free lead testing, anticipatory guidance materials, and other services are available for all Medi-Cal enrolled members through the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) of Ventura County. Providers and members can contact CLPPP 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: 1-805-437-5961
  - Members, call: 1-888-301-1228 / TTY 711
  - GCHP Health Education Webpage (resources in English and Spanish): Click Here
  - Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
  - Use proper coding.

[1] ECDS is a HEDIS® reporting standard that uses structured data systems (e.g., administrative claims, clinical registries, health information exchanges, electronic health records, disease/cases management systems) to report rates on ECDS designated measures.