

Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of Nutrition Services-Guam WIC Program		
TITLE: Lead Screening and Referrals	POLICY NO.: CS-06	Page 1 of 2
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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for lead screening and lead referrals during the certification process in accordance with 7 CFR 246.7(e); 7 CFR 246.7(b); WIC Policy Memorandum #1993-3A; WIC's Role in Screening for Children Lead Poisoning.

POLICY:

- A. The role of the WIC program in the lead screening is to provide information, make referrals, and assist in an appropriate plan of nutrition intervention as articulated in the USDA FNS WIC Policy Memorandum 93-4.
- B. Parents or guardians of WIC-eligible children between the ages of one and five will be asked if the child has been screened for lead. If the child has not undergone a blood lead work-up, they will be provided with lead referrals to a primary medical provider.
- C. Participants with high blood lead levels are a nutrition risk and shall be provided with the following:
 - a. Referral to lead treatment program or primary care physician;
 - b. Provide supplemental foods high in iron and calcium which help alleviate the effects of elevated blood lead;
 - c. Nutrition education, emphasizing the importance of diet in the treatment of lead exposure and assisting in developing an appropriate plan for nutrition intervention; and,
 - d. Providing information on how to reduce exposure to lead.
- D. In accordance with PL 106-387, WIC Policy Memorandum #2001-1: WIC Allowable Costs – Clarification of WIC's FY 2001 Appropriations Act Provision Regarding Blood Lead Screening, the WIC program shall not bear the cost of the blood lead screening test but shall assist/ refer participants to access blood lead testing services.
- E. Compliance to lead screening and referrals shall be monitored by the Quality Assurance Staff/Management Analyst III during clinic reviews. The report shall be provided to the WIC Director, WIC State Nutrition Coordinator/Public Health Nutrition Specialist, and clinic supervisors.

PROCEDURE:

1. WIC Competent Professional Authority (CPA) shall screen all children ages one to five years old for lead testing during certification.
 - a. CPA shall ask the Authorized Representative (AR) if the child ever had lead testing done
2. CPA shall refer participants to their primary physician to inquire about lead testing if the child participant did not have a lead test performed within a year.
 - a. To document a referral in HANDS, go to Care Plan>Referrals>Add new record>Program>Lead Screening.
 - b. In the HANDS document in SOAP Notes
 1. S. Mom stated the child had not received a lead test
 - O. Lead: N/A
 - A. Referred to a primary physician to inquire about lead testing.
 - P. Follow up with AR if a blood lead test is performed.
3. CPA shall record in HANDS Notes the test results if lead testing was performed.
 - a. Normal lead test results shall be documented in example:
 1. S. Mom stated child has done a blood lead test.
 - O. 2/1/2023 Lead 3.3
 - A. Normal lead levels
 - P. No further need for lead work up or referral
 - b. High lead level test results shall be documented in example:
 1. S. Mom states the child has done a blood lead test
 - O. Lead 6.0
 - A. Assigned risk code 211. Provided education on lead and discussed lead handouts. Mom can list 2-3 foods to help reduce lead absorption. She also plans to have the child wash hands frequently and before each meal.
 - P. Follow up on the next lead test by the primary physician.
Refer to nutritionist next appointment for high lead results
4. CPA shall refer the participant to a nutritionist if the lead value is above the cut-off value.
5. CPA shall provide nutrition education supplemented with a lead handout "Healthy Food Less Lead" to AR if the lead test is above the cut-off value (*refer to attached 211 Elevated Blood Lead Levels 11.2022*). Nutrition Education shall include but not be limited to;
 - a. WIC foods that are good sources of calcium, iron, and vitamin C
 - b. Washing hands before meals
 - c. Keeping home free from dust
 - d. Throw out old painted toys

ATTACHMENTS



211_Elevated_Blood
Lead cutoff value
_Lead_Level_11.2022



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Healthy Foods, Less
Lead (Guam WIC brcObservation Form.d



Certification