

1 AN ACT concerning lead poisoning.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended
5 by changing Section 6.2 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 45/6.2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1306.2)

7 Sec. 6.2. Physicians to screen children.

8 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all
9 its branches or health care provider shall screen children 6
10 months through 6 years of age for lead poisoning who are
11 determined to reside in an area defined as high risk by the
12 Department. Children residing in areas defined as low risk
13 by the Department shall be assessed for risk by a risk
14 assessment procedure developed by the Department. Children
15 shall be screened, in accordance with guidelines and criteria
16 set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics, at the
17 priority intervals and using the methods specified in the
18 guidelines.

19 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care
20 facility serving children from 6 months through 6 years of
21 age, including but not limited to, health departments,
22 hospitals, clinics, and health maintenance organizations
23 approved, registered, or licensed by the Department, shall
24 take the appropriate steps to ensure that the patients
25 receive lead poisoning screening, where medically indicated
26 or appropriate.

27 (c) Children 6 years and older may also be screened by
28 physicians or health care providers, in accordance with
29 guidelines and criteria set forth by the American Academy of
30 Pediatrics, according to the priority intervals specified in
31 the guidelines. Physicians and health care providers shall

1 also screen children for lead poisoning in conjunction with
2 the school health examination, as required under the School
3 Code, when, in the medical judgement of the physician,
4 advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative
5 agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the
6 advance practice nurse to perform health examinations, or
7 physician assistant who has been delegated to perform health
8 examinations by the supervising physician, the child is
9 potentially at high risk of lead poisoning.

10 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to
11 require any child to undergo a lead blood level screening or
12 test whose parent or guardian objects on the grounds that the
13 screening or test conflicts with his or her religious
14 beliefs.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-381, eff. 8-18-95.)