

AN ACT concerning lead poisoning.

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

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

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

Sec. 6.2. Physicians to screen children.

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

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

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

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

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

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