
	DHS Early Head Start Program Policy		
HEALTH 2			
SUBJECT	Hemoglobin and Lead Screenings		
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Policy:

Early Head Start Program (EHS) Staff will ensure that children are up to date with the requirements of the Texas Health Steps Medical Checkup Periodicity Schedule: Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule.

The State of Texas Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule requires that all children receive a lead toxicity screening at 12 months and 24 months of age. If a lead toxicity screening has not been previously conducted EHS Staff will work with the family to bring the child up to date.

The State of Texas EPSDT schedule also requires that all children receive a hemoglobin screening at 12 months. If a hemoglobin screening has not been conducted EHS Staff will work with the family to bring the child up to date by 15 months of age. Children over 15 months will not be screened based on EPSDT requirements.

EHS Program will provide onsite screenings for children with missing, unobtainable, or previous elevated blood lead level results. Each child must have a signed consent form by the parent/guardian before screenings occur.

Hemoglobin and lead toxicity screenings and follow up must be documented in ChildPlus according to the *Early Head Start ChildPlus Scan Order and Process Guide*, and *ChildPlus Data Entry Guide*.

The EHS Program will ensure that lead and hemoglobin results are shared with and understood by parents/ guardians. Referral forms to the child's primary care physician will be given to all children with low hemoglobin and/or elevated blood lead levels. With consent children with elevated blood lead levels will be referred to San Antonio Green and Healthy Homes.

Performance Standard(s): 1302.41(a,b)(1); 1302.42 (b)(1)(i-ii), (d)(1-2)

References: [Texas Health Steps Medical Checkup Periodicity Schedule for Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#)