

(b) A local health department that receives the results of a blood [lead] test FOR LEAD POISONING indicating that a child under 6 years of age has an elevated blood lead level greater than or equal to 15 ug/dl and less than 20 ug/dl shall notify:

- (1) The child's parents; and
- (2) In the case of a child who lives in a rental dwelling unit, the owner of the rental dwelling unit where the child resides.

### Article - Health - General

18-106.

(a) The Secretary shall establish and administer a Lead Poisoning Screening Program that will assure the appropriate screening of children in Maryland for lead poisoning.

(b) The Lead Poisoning Screening Program shall:

(1) Encourage continuity of care with the child's continuing care health care provider;

(2) Promote timely, appropriate screening of children at risk of being poisoned by lead;

(3) Utilize all of the payment mechanisms available to cover lead poisoning screening, including:

(i) Third party payments from insurers;

(ii) The Medical Assistance Program;

(iii) Primary care medical assistance programs established under waiver from the federal government;

(iv) Health maintenance organizations;

(v) Federally qualified and Maryland qualified community health centers; and

(vi) Any other Medicaid reimbursement or waiver to which the State may be entitled under this section;

(4) Target children under 6 years of age;

(5) Provide lead poisoning screening on a sliding fee scale at sites designated by local health departments for children unable to afford lead poisoning screening; and

(6) Employ an initial questionnaire to assess children's exposure to potential lead hazards, except that children residing in AT RISK areas [of highest risk] IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION shall be screened by a [venous] blood test FOR LEAD POISONING.