

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 193, *approved January 7, 2026*
Assembly, No. 4848 (*Second Reprint*)

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1 AN ACT concerning lead screening and supplementing P.L.1995,
2 c.328 (C.26:2-137.2 et seq.).
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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. As used in this act:
8 “Department” means the Department of Health
9 “Lead screening” means the application of a detection technique
10 to measure a person’s blood lead level and determine the extent of
11 the person’s recent exposure to lead.
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13 2. a. A ²licensed health care professional, which shall include a
14 licensed² physician ¹[or] ,¹ ²[registered professional nurse,
15 ¹physician assistant, or prenatal care provider¹ as appropriate,]
16 licensed physician assistant, certified advanced practice nurse,
17 certified nurse midwife, certified professional midwife, and certified
18 midwife, who provides prenatal maternity care to a pregnant person²
19 shall assess ²[each pregnant] the² person ²[to whom the physician
20 ¹[or] ,¹ registered professional nurse ¹, physician assistant, or prenatal
21 care provider¹ provides health care services]² for possible risk factors
22 for lead exposure and elevated blood lead levels ²[. If the assessment
23 identifies at least one risk factor in accordance with] based on² the
24 most recent ²guidelines and² recommendations of the federal Centers
25 for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of
26 Obstetricians and Gynecologists ²[, the physician ¹[or] ,¹ nurse ¹,²
27 physician assistant, or prenatal care provider¹ shall perform, ¹[once]
28 twice¹ per pregnancy, lead screening on the patient ¹, in the first and
29 third trimesters¹]².
30 b. If the ²[physician ¹[or] ,¹ registered professional nurse,
31 ¹physician assistant, or prenatal care provider,¹ as appropriate,] health
32 care professional² cannot perform ²[the] a² required lead screening,

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Assembly AFI committee amendments adopted December 9, 2024.
²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 3, 2025.

1 the ²【physician ¹【or registered professional】 , ¹ nurse ¹, physician
 2 assistant, or prenatal care provider¹】 health care professional² may
 3 refer the patient, in writing, to another ²【physician ¹【or registered
 4 professional】 , ¹ nurse ¹, physician assistant, or prenatal care
 5 provider¹】 health care professional² who is able to perform the lead
 6 screening.

7 c. If ²【a physician ¹【or】 , ¹ registered professional nurse,
 8 physician assistant, or prenatal care provider,¹ as appropriate,】 the
 9 health care professional² receives laboratory test results indicating that
 10 the pregnant person has an elevated blood lead level, the ²【physician
 11 ¹【or registered professional】 , ¹ nurse ¹, physician assistant, or prenatal
 12 care provider¹】 health care professional² shall notify the patient, in
 13 writing, about the test results¹【,】¹ and shall additionally provide the
 14 patient with an explanation, in plain language, of the significance of
 15 lead poisoning ²【and information concerning the specific dangers of
 16 lead poisoning during a pregnancy. The physician, nurse, physician
 17 assistant, or prenatal care provider shall also provide the patient with
 18 information on how to access lead assistance programs offered by the
 19 Department of Community Affairs¹】². The ²【physician ¹【or
 20 registered professional】 , ¹ nurse ¹, physician assistant, or prenatal care
 21 provider¹】 health care professional² shall also take appropriate
 22 measures to ensure that any of the patient's children or other members
 23 of the patient's household who are under the age of six are, or have
 24 been, screened for lead exposure.

25 d. ²【A physician ¹【or】 , ¹ registered professional nurse,
 26 physician assistant, or prenatal care provider,¹ as appropriate,】 The
 27 health care professional² shall not be required to conduct lead
 28 screening under this act if the patient objects to the testing in writing
 29 ²【or if the health care professional determines that another health care
 30 provider has already conducted the lead screening required under this
 31 act².】

32 e. ²【A physician ¹【or】 , ¹ registered professional nurse,
 33 physician assistant, or prenatal care provider,¹ as appropriate,】 The
 34 health care professional² shall comply with the blood sample
 35 collection requirements specified in section 4 of P.L.1995, c.328
 36 (C.26:2-137.5).
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38 3. A laboratory which performs a lead screening test pursuant
 39 to subsection a. of section 2 of this act shall report the test results to
 40 the department, the local health department in the municipality in
 41 which the pregnant person who is the subject of the test resides, and
 42 the ²【physician ¹【or】 , ¹ registered professional nurse, physician
 43 assistant, or prenatal care provider,¹ as appropriate,】 health care
 44 professional² that submitted the specimen, within five business days
 45 of obtaining the test result.

1 4. a. A record of all lead screenings conducted pursuant to
2 section 2 of this act shall be included in the central database
3 maintained by the department in accordance with provisions of
4 section 5 of P.L. 1995, c.328 (C.26:2-137.6).

5 b. The information reported to and compiled by the department
6 pursuant to this act shall be confidential, except that the department
7 may make such statistical reports available using information
8 compiled from the database. The information included in the
9 statistical reports shall exclude the name or other personal
10 identifying information of the pregnant person screened in
11 accordance with all other federal and State laws regarding the
12 confidentiality of medical information.

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14 5. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and regulations
15 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
16 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) necessary to carry out the provisions of this
17 act.

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19 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
20 next following enactment.

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25 Requires health care professionals to perform lead screening on
26 pregnant persons under certain circumstances.