

## Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject:</i> <b>Blood Lead Referrals</b>		<i>Policy:</i> <b>CRT 08.0.3</b>
<i>Reference:</i> N / A	<i>Effective:</i> <b>August 12, 2013</b>	<i>Supersedes:</i> <b>August 1, 2008</b>

### **I. Policy:**

Local agencies shall use Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA) to determine if the child has received a blood lead-screening test or been exposed to lead. If the child has been exposed to lead or has not received a test, he/she shall be referred to a lead treatment program where he/she shall obtain such a test.

### **II. Procedure(s):**

- A. Use VENA to determine if the child has received a blood lead-screening test or been exposed to lead.
- B. If the child has been exposed to lead:
  - 1) Document as a nutrition risk in Crossroads
  - 2) Emphasize the importance of diet in the treatment of lead exposure and assist in developing an appropriate plan for nutrition intervention
  - 3) Emphasize the WIC supplemental foods that are high in iron and calcium which help alleviate the effects of elevated blood lead levels
  - 4) Refer the parent / legal guardian or caretaker to a local lead treatment program and document the referral in Crossroads
- C. If the child has not received a blood lead screening test, refer the parent / legal guardian or caretaker to a local lead screening program and document the referral in Crossroads
- D. If a local lead screening and / or treatment program is not available, refer the parent / legal guardian or caretaker to their health care provider. Document the referral in Crossroads.