

Nutrition/Health Volume
Certification Section

Risk Factor 211 (Elevated Blood Lead Level) (2.04400)

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POLICY: Risk Factor 211 (Elevated Blood Lead Levels) shall be assigned to all women (prenatal, breastfeeding, or postpartum), infants, and children with a blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{deciliter}$ within the past 12 months. Procedures for obtaining data, documentation and assigning risk factors must be followed.

PROCEDURES:

A. Obtaining Data

1. Children will be assessed for blood lead levels. Ask the parent or guardian to determine whether the child has received a blood lead screening test.
 - a. Either perform the blood lead level using state approved methods or use referral data.
2. Obtain referral data for women and infants, if it is available.

B. Documenting

1. Record the blood lead level reading or referral data in MOWINS, when applicable, rounding down to the nearest whole number.

C. Assessing Risk Factor

1. The elevated lead level must be within 12 months of the date of certification or recertification.
2. Children that have not had a blood lead screening must be referred to a testing program, based on recommendations issued by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, available at <http://health.mo.gov/living/environment/lead/guidelines.php>.
3. Refer to the [Risk Factor Detail Guide](#).

D. Assigning Risk Factor

1. Risk Factor 211 will be automatically assigned by MOWINS when an elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ is recorded. Priority assignment for the risk factor is found in ER #2.03200.
2. The certifying staff shall manually select high risk. Complete a SOAP note in MOWINS. Refer to [ER #2.02900](#).

E. Providing Appropriate Counseling (See [Counseling Guides](#)). Refer to the [Nutrition Training Manual](#) for more information. Additional education suggestions are located in

the *Implications for WIC Nutrition Services* section of the USDA Regulations and Justification for the risk factor.

1. Counseling and education shall be provided by the CPA. Local agencies will provide guidance on how to reduce exposure to lead.
2. Document counseling contact in MOWINS.

F. Providing Referrals

1. Provide appropriate referral information and document in MOWINS.