

Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 6-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Preventive Medicine," to establish requirements for the testing of blood lead levels in children, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6-200 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6-200. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

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§ 6-207. [Reserved.] *Testing Lead Levels in Children.*

(1) A physician who, for any reason, is treating a child between the ages of 9 months and 21 months whose blood lead level has not previously been tested after nine months of age shall test the blood lead level of the child at the first practical opportunity.

(2) A physician treating a child between the ages of 21 months and 72 months whose blood lead level has not been tested once after the age of 21 months shall test the blood lead level of the child at the first practical opportunity.

(3) Exemptions.

(a) A child shall not be tested in connection with a treatment visit if the physician or his or her designee certifies in writing that blood lead level testing may be detrimental to the health of the child.

(b) A child shall not be tested if the child's parent or guardian objects in writing to the testing on religious, moral, ethical or other grounds.

(4) The Board of Health shall establish by regulation rules regarding lead testing of children, including special testing for high risk groups of children, additional testing of lead-poisoned children and preferred methods of testing.

(5) The results of any such testing for blood lead level shall be reported to the Department pursuant to such requirements as may be determined by the Board of Health by regulation.

(6) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a public information campaign, including through the distribution of culturally and linguistically appropriate information, that educates physicians and the public on the requirements of this Section 6-207.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.