

1 AN ACT concerning lead poisoning.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 6.2 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 45/6.2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1306.2)

7 Sec. 6.2. Physicians to screen children.

8 (a) Every physician licensed to practice medicine in all  
9 its branches or health care provider shall screen children 6  
10 months through 6 years of age for lead poisoning who are  
11 determined to reside in an area defined as high risk by the  
12 Department. Children residing in areas defined as low risk  
13 by the Department shall be assessed for risk by a risk  
14 assessment procedure developed by the Department. Children  
15 shall be screened, in accordance with guidelines and criteria  
16 set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics, at the  
17 priority intervals and using the methods specified in the  
18 guidelines.

19 (b) Each licensed, registered, or approved health care  
20 facility serving children from 6 months through 6 years of  
21 age, including but not limited to, health departments,  
22 hospitals, clinics, and health maintenance organizations  
23 approved, registered, or licensed by the Department, shall  
24 take the appropriate steps to ensure that the patients  
25 receive lead poisoning screening, where medically indicated  
26 or appropriate.

27 (c) Children 6 years and older may also be screened by  
28 physicians or health care providers, in accordance with  
29 guidelines and criteria set forth by the American Academy of  
30 Pediatrics, according to the priority intervals specified in  
31 the guidelines. Physicians and health care providers shall

1 also screen children for lead poisoning in conjunction with  
2 the school health examination, as required under the School  
3 Code, when, in the medical judgement of the physician, the  
4 child is potentially at high risk of lead poisoning.

5 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to  
6 require any child to undergo a lead blood level screening or  
7 test whose parent or guardian objects on the grounds that the  
8 screening or test conflicts with his or her religious  
9 beliefs.

10 (Source: P.A. 89-381, eff. 8-18-95.)