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Children's Lead Testing Status Now Available in Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR)

To find out if a child needs a blood lead test:

- 1) Access the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR)
- 2) Click on *Add/find* under the *Person* heading
- 3) Enter the child's identifying demographic information
- 4) One of two pages will appear
 - ✓ *High Risk Screening Notification* page - for children who have not had a blood lead test. Please order a blood lead test from your local laboratory or obtain a blood sample for filter paper testing by the State of Michigan Laboratory*.
 - ✓ *General Information* page - for children who have had a lead test. Information regarding dates of blood lead testing and test results are available by clicking on the blue *Lead* tab in the middle of the page under *Additional Information*.

For assistance with utilizing MCIR for obtaining lead testing results, contact Julie Clark, Region 6 MCIR Coordinator at 906-786-4111 ext. 182 or Help Desk: 1-888-217-3905.

*The filter paper method of lead testing is a type of laboratory test for lead poisoning in which the clinic staff collects a few drops of the child's blood directly onto special filter paper that is then mailed to the State of Michigan Laboratory. The supplies and postage are free and there is reimbursement for collecting the specimen. For information regarding **Filter Paper Testing** for lead poisoning, please contact Anne Levandoski, Upper Peninsula Health Plan at 906-225-7723.

