

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 906
102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1997H.02C

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 701.336, 701.340, 701.342, 701.344, and 701.348, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to lead poisoning.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 701.336, 701.340, 701.342, 701.344, and 701.348, RSMo, are
2 repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 701.336,
3 701.340, 701.342, 701.344, and 701.348, to read as follows:

701.336. 1. The department of health and senior services shall cooperate with the
2 federal government in implementing subsections (d) and (e) of 15 U.S.C. Section 2685 to
3 establish public education activities and an information clearinghouse regarding childhood
4 lead poisoning. The department may develop additional educational materials on lead
5 hazards to children, lead poisoning prevention, lead poisoning screening, lead abatement and
6 disposal, and on health hazards during abatement.

7 2. The department of health and senior services and the department of social services,
8 in collaboration with related not-for-profit organizations, health maintenance organizations,
9 and the Missouri consolidated health care plan, shall devise an educational strategy to
10 increase the number of children who are tested for lead poisoning under the Medicaid
11 program. ~~[The goal of the educational strategy is to have seventy-five percent of the children
12 who receive Medicaid tested for lead poisoning. The educational strategy shall be
13 implemented over a three-year period and shall be in accordance with all federal laws and
14 regulations.]~~

15 3. The children's division, in collaboration with the department of health and senior
16 services, shall regularly inform eligible clients of the availability and desirability of lead

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 screening and treatment services, including those available through the early and periodic
18 screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) component of the Medicaid program.

701.340. 1. ~~[Beginning January 1, 2002,]~~ The department of health and senior
2 services shall, subject to appropriations, implement a childhood lead testing program ~~[which~~
3 ~~requires every child less than six years of age to be tested for lead poisoning]~~ in accordance
4 with the provisions of sections 701.340 to 701.349. **Every medical provider who serves**
5 **children shall annually provide education to all parents and guardians of children under**
6 **four years of age regarding lead hazards to children and shall annually provide the**
7 **option to test every child under four years of age for lead poisoning with the consent of**
8 **the parent or guardian.** In coordination with the department of health and senior services,
9 every health care facility serving children ~~[less than six]~~ **under four** years of age, including
10 but not limited to hospitals and clinics licensed pursuant to chapter 197, shall take appropriate
11 steps to ensure that ~~[their patients receive]~~ **the medical providers in the facility offer** such
12 lead poisoning testing **in accordance with the provisions of this section.**

13 2. The test for lead poisoning shall consist of a blood sample that shall be sent for
14 analysis to a laboratory licensed pursuant to the federal Clinical Lab Improvement Act
15 (CLIA). The department of health and senior services shall, by rule, determine the blood test
16 protocol to be used.

17 3. Nothing in sections 701.340 to 701.349 shall be construed to require a child to
18 undergo lead testing whose parent or guardian objects to the testing ~~[in a written statement~~
19 ~~that states the parent's or guardian's reason for refusing such testing].~~

701.342. 1. The department of health and senior services shall, using factors
2 established by the department, including but not limited to the geographic index from data
3 from testing reports, identify geographic areas in the state that are at high risk for lead
4 poisoning. ~~[All children less than six years of age who reside or spend more than ten hours a~~
5 ~~week in an area identified as high risk by the department shall be tested annually for lead~~
6 ~~poisoning.]~~

7 2. Every child ~~[less than]~~ **under** six years of age ~~[not residing or spending more than~~
8 ~~ten hours a week in geographic areas identified as high risk by the department]~~ shall be
9 assessed annually using a questionnaire to determine whether such child is at high risk for
10 lead poisoning. The department, in collaboration with the department of social services, shall
11 develop the questionnaire, which shall follow the recommendations of the federal Centers for
12 Disease Control and Prevention. The department may modify the questionnaire to broaden
13 the scope of the high-risk category. Local boards or commissions of health may add
14 questions to the questionnaire.

15 3. Every child deemed to be at high risk for lead poisoning according to the
16 questionnaire developed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall, **with the consent of a**
17 **parent or guardian**, be tested using a blood sample.

18 4. ~~[Any child deemed to be at high risk for lead poisoning pursuant to this section~~
19 ~~who resides in housing currently undergoing renovations may be tested at least once every six~~
20 ~~months during the renovation and once after the completion of the renovation.~~

21 ~~5.]~~ Any laboratory providing test results for lead poisoning pursuant to sections
22 701.340 to 701.349 shall notify the department of the test results of any child tested for lead
23 poisoning as required in section 701.326. Any child who tests positive for lead poisoning
24 shall receive follow-up testing in accordance with rules established by the department. The
25 department shall, by rule, establish the methods and intervals of follow-up testing and
26 treatment for such children.

27 ~~[6.]~~ 5. When the department is notified of a case of lead poisoning, the department
28 shall require the testing of all other children ~~[less than]~~ **under** six years of age, and any other
29 children or persons at risk, as determined by the director, who are residing or have recently
30 resided in the household of the lead-poisoned child.

 701.344. 1. In geographic areas determined to be of high risk for lead poisoning as
2 set forth in section 701.342, every child care facility, as defined in section 210.201, and every
3 child care facility affiliated with a school system, a business organization or a nonprofit
4 organization shall, within thirty days of enrolling a child **twelve months of age or older and**
5 **under five years of age**, require the child's parent or guardian to provide evidence of lead
6 poisoning testing in the form of a statement from the health care professional that
7 administered the test or provide a written statement that states the ~~[parent's or guardian's~~
8 ~~reason for refusing]~~ **parent or guardian refused** such testing. If there is no evidence of
9 testing, the person in charge of the facility shall provide the parent or guardian with
10 information about lead poisoning and locations in the area where the child can be tested.
11 When a parent or guardian cannot obtain such testing, the person in charge of the facility may
12 arrange for the child to be tested by a local health officer with the consent of the child's parent
13 or guardian. At the beginning of each year of enrollment in such facility, the parent or
14 guardian shall provide proof of testing in accordance with the provisions of sections 701.340
15 to 701.349 and any rules promulgated thereunder.

16 2. No child shall be denied access to education or child care because of failure to
17 comply with the provisions of sections 701.340 to 701.349.

 701.348. Nothing in sections 701.340 to 701.349 shall prohibit a political subdivision
2 of this state ~~[or]~~, a local board of health, **or a state agency** from enacting and enforcing
3 ordinances, rules or laws for the prevention, detection and control of lead poisoning which

HCS HB 906

4

4 provide the same or more stringent provisions as sections 701.340 to 701.349, or the rules
5 promulgated thereunder.

✓