

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start

Part: 1302 Program Operations
Subpart: D-Health Program Services
Section: 1302.42 Child Health Status and Care
Subject: Hemoglobin Testing

Policy:

A hemoglobin test result will be obtained for each child enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start at the age of 12 months as scheduled per the Florida EPSDT.

Procedure:

1. Each child will have a hemoglobin test while enrolled in Early Head Start at the age of 12 months as scheduled per the Florida EPSDT.
2. If the child has already had a hemoglobin test the Health Services Coordinator, Center Director, Family Service Advocate, and/or Home Visitor will work together to obtain the hemoglobin test results.
3. If the child has not already had a hemoglobin test the Family Service Advocate, Health Services Coordinator, Center Director, and/or Home Visitor will work diligently to assist the family in having the child tested.
4. If the child is unable to get tested through other means (WIC, child's physician, Health Department, etc.) the Health Services Coordinator or Nurse consultant will perform noninvasive hemoglobin testing using the Masimo Pronto-7 hemoglobin testing machine. Any results obtained will be shared with the child's parent/guardian and documented in the child's family file.
5. If hemoglobin results are low, the Family Service Advocate will contact the Health Services Coordinator and Nutrition Coordinator. If the family does not participate in WIC, they will also be referred and given any necessary assistance in applying for WIC.