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Resolve, To Achieve Universal Blood Lead Level Screening of Maine Children

Sec. 1 Identification of high-risk areas. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall identify areas of the State that are of high-risk of having children with elevated blood lead levels based on analysis of blood lead level surveillance data; and be it further

Sec. 2 Achievement of universal blood lead level screening. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall attempt to achieve universal blood lead level screening in high-risk areas:

1. For children 12 to 24 months of age; and
2. For children 25 to 72 months of age who have not previously been tested or who have had a change in risk of exposure to lead due to moving to a dwelling built prior to 1950 or to living in a dwelling built prior to 1950 that has recently undergone renovations or remodeling; and be it further

Sec. 3 Annual reporting. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, beginning January 2009. The report must include identification of high-risk areas, progress made in achieving universal blood lead level screening in designated high-risk areas, lessons learned in attempting to achieve universal blood lead level screening and any further recommendations for screening; and be it further

Sec. 4 Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services; report. Resolved: That by January 15, 2009 the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the feasibility of including blood lead level assessment information in the school records of enrolled children. The departments shall consider using the record system in use for immunization information under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6358.