

## **Hematocrit/Hemoglobin (Anemia) Screening Procedures**

**Policy:** All children will be screened for iron deficiencies within the first 45 days of enrollment.

*Performance Standard 1304.20(a)(1)(ii)(C); 1304.20(d)*

### **Procedure:**

- During the intake process staff will ensure that the parents understand what an anemia screening is and why it is important for their child to receive this screening before school starts or within 45 days of the child's enrollment.
- Through the use of the Physical Form, physicians will be requested to complete this and other screenings and send the exam form back to the office where the Health Manager will enter it in Child Plus.
- In the event that the screening is not completed at the time of the physical exam, the Health Manager will ensure that parents are informed of the other agencies that can provide this screening for the children to assist them in obtaining the screening at the beginning of the school year. Agencies include but are not limited to the WIC Program and the local health departments.
- The Health Manager will work together to ensure that the Family Advocates have the most up to date information on the agencies available to complete this screening for children.
- If attempts to obtain anemia screenings from other sources have failed, and it is not completed by the first week of November, Family Advocate, Health Manager will work together to assist families by setting up a date for screenings with the Health Department. (see Hemoglobin Letter, Follow-up Letter and Permission Form).
- If screening results fall below 11.0 for the hemoglobin or 33.0 for the hematocrit test the Family Advocate or Health Manager will send a notice to the parent who will work with the Family Advocate to get, follow up treatment and tests and to ensure that the child receives the nutritional and/or other support and monitoring necessary.
- Center Staff and HS-CCP will be responsible for closely monitoring and documenting changes observed in the child's energy levels, eating patterns, attendance and general wellbeing.

### *Referenced Forms:*

*Physical Form*

*Hemoglobin letter*

*Hemoglobin Results letter*

*Hemoglobin Permission Form*