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**WI Lead Poisoning Standards To Be Updated,  
But More Work To Do**

MADISON – After months of correspondence, the Department of Health Services (DHS) finally agreed that they must change administrative code to reflect the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations regarding the definition of lead poisoning. In response, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“I’m elated that DHS finally admitted that their standards were out of line with what is required by statute and recommended by the CDC. This is not the end of what Wisconsin needs to do to address its incidents of child lead poisoning. We need to update our testing standards and provide more support for Local Public Health Agencies grappling with this crisis. I have a bill that will do just that, and I look forward to working with my colleagues towards reducing child lead poisoning in the upcoming legislative session.”

Lead poisoning, especially in children under 6, causes a lifetime of health and behavioral issues, including reduced intelligence, learning disabilities, and developmental delays.

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