Medicaid EPSDT Benefit Keeps Children Healthy

The Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21* who are enrolled in Medicaid. The EPSDT benefit provides regular health and developmental exams to keep your children healthy and prevent illness or disability.

**EPSDT includes:**

- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Health education
- Physical exams, immunizations, and laboratory tests
- Hearing, vision, and dental checkups

**EARLY**

Assessing and identifying problems early.

**PERIODIC**

Checking children’s health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals. Recommended at:
- 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18 month(s) old; and
- Age 2 and annually thereafter through age 20.*

**SCREENING**

Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems.

**DIAGNOSTIC**

Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified.

**TREATMENT**

Control, correct, or reduce health problems found.

*Ages vary by State.

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