

Title 23: Division of Medicaid

Part 223: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

Chapter 1: General

Rule 1.1: Program Description

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- B. EPSDT is defined as:
1. Early is assessing health care in early life so that potential disease and disabilities can be prevented or detected in their preliminary states, when they are most effectively treated.
 2. Periodic is assessing a child's health at regular, recommended intervals in the child's life to assure continued healthy development.
 3. Screening is the use of tests and procedures to determine if children being examined have conditions warranting closer medical or dental attention.
 4. Diagnosis is the determination of the nature or cause of conditions identified by the screening.
 5. Treatment is the provision of services needed to control, correct or lessen health problems.
- C. Providers of EPSDT screenings must be a currently enrolled Mississippi Medicaid provider, have signed an EPSDT specific provider agreement, and must adhere to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule. EPSDT screening providers include, but are not limited to:
1. The Mississippi State Department of Health,
 2. Public schools and/or public school districts certified by the Mississippi Department of Education,
 3. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC),
 4. Rural Health Clinics (RHC),
 5. Comprehensive health clinics, and

6. Similar agencies which provide various components of EPSDT screenings.

D. EPSDT diagnostic and treatment services are primarily provided by referral to other enrolled Mississippi Medicaid providers.

Source: 42 U.S.C. § 1396d; Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121.

History: Revised to correspond with SPA 2015-017 (eff. 11/01/2015), eff. 10/01/2016.

Rule 1.2: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Provider Enrollment

A. Physicians, physician assistants or nurse practitioners who wish to provide EPSDT screenings must meet the Mississippi Medicaid enrollment requirements, complete and sign an EPSDT specific provider agreement and pass an onsite clinic inspection performed by the Division of Medicaid.

B. Registered nurses employed through the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), who meet the certification requirement and the established protocols mandated by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), MDE, Mississippi School Nurse Association, and Mississippi Board of Nursing, may perform EPSDT health assessments following the protocols established by the MSDH. MDE employed registered nurses must have the educational basis and clinical basis needed to perform health assessments. In addition to the certification requirement, claims submitted for these services must be submitted under the school's provider number and the billing provider must have a current letter of referral affiliation on file with the Division of Medicaid.

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History: Revised to correspond with SPA 2015-017 (eff. 11/01/2015), eff. 10/01/2016.

Rule 1.3: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Provider Participation Requirements

A. Enrolled Mississippi Medicaid providers who have signed an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) specific provider agreement must conduct periodic screenings and medically necessary interperiodic visits for all EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries in accordance with the EPSDT Periodicity Schedule as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule and must provide or refer EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries with an identified need for additional assessment, diagnosis, and/or treatment services to an appropriate provider.

B. Dental providers must provide services to all EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries in accordance with the dental schedule of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and in accordance with AAP guidelines. Dental providers must provide or refer EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries with an identified need for additional assessment, diagnosis, and/or treatment

services to an appropriate provider.

- C. EPSDT screening providers must refer EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries to other enrolled Mississippi Medicaid licensed practitioners of the beneficiary's choice for assessment, diagnosis and/or treatment services necessary to correct or ameliorate any physical, mental, psychosocial and/or behavioral health conditions discovered by the screenings, whether or not such services are covered under the State Plan.

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Rule 1.4: Periodicity Schedule

- A. EPSDT providers must adhere to the current American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.
- B. EPSDT providers must schedule all health assessment screening appointments for the EPSDT-eligible beneficiary according to the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.
- C. EPSDT providers must maintain a screening periodicity tracking system for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries seen for initial screening to ensure that subsequent screenings are performed timely and in accordance to the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule. EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries, guardians and/or legal representatives must be informed of the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.
 - 1. EPSDT providers must follow up on missed appointments. If the beneficiary fails to keep the scheduled appointment, or the beneficiary, guardian and/or legal representative fails to contact the provider to reschedule, an appointment letter or telephone contact must be made providing the beneficiary another opportunity to be screened within thirty (30) days of the initial appointment.
 - 2. Two (2) good faith efforts, defined as an attempt to contact the beneficiary, guardian and/or legal representative, are required to reschedule a screening appointment. EPSDT providers must document in the medical record any missed appointments and two (2) good faith efforts to reschedule the appointment.
 - 3. Failure of a beneficiary, guardian and/or legal representative to keep the second appointment and respond to the provider's attempted contact is considered a declination of that screening only. The provider must continue to maintain periodicity and schedule the beneficiary for the next screening due following the same process.

Source: 42 C.F.R § 441.58; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121.

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Rule 1.5: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Screenings

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) providers must perform screenings and assessments according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule including, but not limited to, the following services:

- A. An initial or established age appropriate medical screening which must include at a minimum:
 1. A comprehensive health and developmental history including assessment of both physical and mental health development and family history,
 2. A comprehensive unclothed physical examination,
 3. Appropriate immunizations according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and specific to age and health history,
 4. Laboratory tests adhering to the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule,
 5. Sexual development and sexuality screening adhering to the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule, and
 6. Health education, including anticipatory guidance.
- B. Adolescent counseling and risk factor reduction intervention to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid provider for diagnosis and treatment for defects discovered.
- C. Developmental screening or surveillance to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid provider for diagnosis and treatment for defects discovered.
- D. Psychosocial/behavioral assessment to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid provider for diagnosis and treatment for defects discovered.
- E. Vision screening, at a minimum, to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid optometry or ophthalmology provider for diagnosis and treatment for defects discovered.
- F. Hearing screening, at a minimum, to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid audiologist, otologist, otolaryngologist or other physician hearing specialists for diagnosis and treatment for defects discovered.
- G. Dental screening, at a minimum, to include diagnosis with referral to an enrolled Mississippi Medicaid dental provider for beneficiaries at eruption of the first tooth or twelve (12) months of age for diagnosis and referral to a dentist for treatment and relief of pain and infections, restoration of teeth and maintenance of dental health.

Source: 42 C.F.R Part 441, Subpart B; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121.

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Rule 1.6: Documentation Requirements for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Screenings

- A. The medical record must include, at a minimum, documentation of the specific age appropriate screening requirements according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule including the date the test or procedure was performed, the specific tests or procedures performed, the results of the tests or procedures or an explanation of the clinical decision to not perform a test or procedure in accordance with the AAP Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule, and the following:
1. Consent for screening with the beneficiary's and/or legal guardian/representative's signature,
 2. Beneficiary and family history with appropriate updates at each screening visit, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) Psychosocial/behavioral history,
 - b) Developmental history,
 - c) Adolescent counseling and risk factor history, and
 - d) Immunization history,
 3. Measurements, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Length/height and weight,
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 4. Sensory screenings, subjective and/or objective:
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5. Developmental/behavioral assessment, as appropriate, including:
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 - 2) The standardized tool used which must have:
 - (a) Motor, language, cognitive, and social-emotional developmental domains,
 - (b) Established reliability scores of approximately 0.70 or above,
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 - (d) Established sensitivity/specificity scores of approximately 0.70 or above, and
 - 3) Evidence of a screening result or screening score,
 - b) Autism screening,
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6. Unclothed physical examination,
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B. Medical records must be available to the Division of Medicaid and/or designated entity upon request. [Refer to Maintenance of Records Part 200, Rule 1.3]

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Rule 1.7: Diagnostic and Treatment Program Services

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Rule 1.8: Reimbursement

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1. Lab tests, excluding hemoglobin or hematocrit,
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