

Navigating EPSDT



Services Included

Screening Services

- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam
- Appropriate immunizations (according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices)
- Laboratory tests (including lead toxicity testing)
- Health Education (anticipatory guidance including child development, healthy lifestyles, and accident and disease prevention)

Vision Services

At a minimum, diagnosis and treatment for defects in vision, including eyeglasses.

Dental Services

At a minimum, dental services include relief of pain and infections, restoration of teeth, and maintenance of dental health, including examinations, cleanings and fluoride treatments.

Hearing Services

At a minimum, diagnosis and treatment for defects in hearing, including hearing aids.

Other Necessary Health Care Services

Additional health care services that are coverable under the Federal Medicaid program and found to be medically necessary to treat, correct or ameliorate illnesses and conditions discovered regardless of whether the service is covered in the state's Medicaid plan.

Diagnostic Services

When screening indicates further evaluation.

Treatment

Necessary services must be made available for treatment of all physical and mental illnesses or conditions discovered by any screening and diagnostic procedures. CO also provides case management and outreach through RAEs and other programs.

Periodicity Schedule

CO has adopted the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Periodicity schedule.

Lead Screening

A requirement for all Medicaid eligible children at 12 and 24 months or between the ages of 36 and 72 months if not previously tested.

REFERRALS & REPORTING

EPSDT Review Request, HCPF: bit.ly/3ZdPaKW

EPSDT Request Form for HCPF: bit.ly/4qnpGpv

Referral to NHP CC: 888-502-4190 or site-emju3.powerappsportals.com/en-US/

PROVIDER GUIDE

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What to look for and do under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Benefit.

Overview

The **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)** benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children and youth ages 20 and under, and adults who are pregnant.

EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and youth receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental and specialty services.

Early: Accessing and identifying problems early

Periodic: Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals

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 ameliorate health problems found.



The Pediatric Medical Necessity Review

Reviews of medical necessity for treatments, products, or services requested or prescribed for all members aged 20 and younger are conducted in accordance with federal EPSDT criteria.

The determination of medical necessity is made through an individualized, child-specific clinical review, focusing on the requested treatment aimed at either correcting or improving a diagnosed health condition related to physical or mental illnesses. EPSDT encompasses both preventive and treatment services, including those that may not be covered for other members under the Colorado State Plan.

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