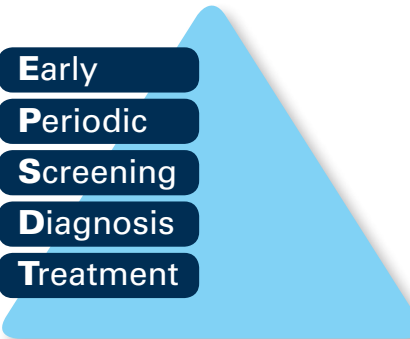


# Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Provider Toolkit

## What is EPSDT?

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program is a Medicaid managed care federally mandated, comprehensive and preventive health program for individuals under the age of 21. EPSDT was defined by law as part of the *Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989* and requires states to cover all services within the scope of the federal Medicaid program. The EPSDT program intends to focus on early prevention and treatment. Requirements include periodic screening, vision, dental and hearing services.



Early  
Periodic  
Screening  
Diagnosis  
Treatment

## Services include:

- Screening.
- Diagnosis and treatment.
- Transportation and scheduling assistance.

## Screening must include:

- Comprehensive health and developmental history (inclusive of both physical and mental health).
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam.
- Appropriate immunizations.
- Laboratory tests.
- Lead toxicity screening.
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance.
- Vision services.
- Dental services.
- Hearing services.
- Other necessary health care — diagnostic services and treatment to correct or ameliorate defects, physical and mental illnesses, and conditions discovered by the screening services.

## Schedules used to determine when services are due:

- *The American Academy of Pediatrics Periodicity Schedule*
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices *Immunization Recommendations Schedule*

## The BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York (BlueCross BlueShield) EPSDT program supports the individual state plans by:

- Providing a repository to house EPSDT data.
- Mailing annual preventive care recommendations to members.
- Mailing reminders to members to schedule appointments.

If you have questions, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-866-231-0847**.



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