

# EPSDT

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

The EPSDT benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for Medicaid members from birth to age 21.

EPSDT stands for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment. EPSDT encourages children to receive health assessments and screenings early and at age-appropriate intervals thereafter (also known as well-child visits). This allows healthcare providers to diagnose health conditions sooner and start treatments earlier, sometimes keeping the condition from getting worse.

- Components of a well-child visit includes:
  - Medical History,
  - Growth and development check,
  - Vision, Hearing and Dental Screenings,
- Immunization,
- Lab Tests and Guidance
- Health Education

Any service that is available through Medicaid is covered for children through the EPSDT benefit. Examples of services include:

- Office Visits
- Inpatient And Outpatient Hospital Services
- Laboratory And X-Ray Services
- Home Health Services
- Private Duty Nursing
- Personal Care Services
- Care Coordination or Case Management Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Respiratory Care Services
- Nursing Facilities
- Psychiatric Hospitals
- Nurse Practitioner Services

## SPECIAL SERVICES

If a child's healthcare provider identifies a need for additional testing, treatments, or other services that are not covered by Medicaid, those services may be covered by the EPSDT benefit as long as the services are medically necessary. These are called Special Services.

## FAQ

### How does a child get EPSDT services?

Your child's doctor/health care professional will help your child get the services they need. Some services must be authorized before they are provided to your child. The child's physician/health care professional will submit a request for prior authorization of the service to the MCO or directly to KY Medicaid [dms.epsdt@ky.gov](mailto:dms.epsdt@ky.gov).

### Are there limits on treatment services for children?

NO. Through EPSDT/ Special services, a child can receive medically necessary services or equipment that may not otherwise be covered by Kentucky Medicaid.

### Cost?

EPSDT services are provided at NO COST to families with Medicaid.

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## MORE INFORMATION

Assistance may be available for transportation to and from treatment. For more information regarding

transportation, please call  
**888-941-7433**

For more information on EPSDT, please contact [dms.epsdt@ky.gov](mailto:dms.epsdt@ky.gov).