

EPSDT

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services Kentucky's Medicaid Program members from birth to age 21, aka Wellchild Visits. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and youth receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental and specialty services.

Early: Assessing 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, and

Treatment: Control, correct or ameliorate health problems found.

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpqo/dcmb/Pages/epsdtscreening.aspx>

ANY SERVICE THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH MEDICAID IS AVAILABLE THROUGH EPSDT FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING SOME SERVICES THAT MAY BE COVERED FOR ADULT WHICH IS PRIOR AUTHORIZED. EXAMPLES OF SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **PHYSICIAN AND CLINIC SERVICES**
- **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**
- **PHYSICAL THERAPY**
- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**
- **SPEECH THERAPY**
- **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**
- **DENTAL SERVICES**
- **RESPIRATORY CARE SERVICES**
- **NURSING FACILITIES**
- **PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS**
- **NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES**

Are there limits on treatment services for children?

Under EPSDT/ Special services, a child can receive medically necessary services or equipment that would be covered by federal Medicaid whether the service is covered by Kentucky Medicaid. Children can get more of a medically necessary service or treatment than would be provided to an adult. For example, a child can get more physical therapy than would be provided to an adult or more dental care than an adult would receive. This means that a child can get the type (e.g., therapy, nursing, personal care, etc.), amount (how much of the service) and duration (how long the service will be provided) of a service that is recommended as medically necessary by a Medicaid provider.

How does a child get medically necessary services?

Your child's doctor/health care professional will help your child get the services they need. Some services must be approved by KY Medicaid 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 or email dms.epsdt@ky.gov.

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