

Improving EPSDT screening for Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. members



Education for PCPs

What is EPSDT?

Early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) is Medicaid's comprehensive and preventative child health program for individuals under the age of 21.

- **Early** - Identifying problems early, starting at birth
- **Periodic** - Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals
- **Screening** - Doing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision and other screening tests to detect potential problems
- **Diagnosis** - Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified
- **Treatment** - Treating the problems found



What is EPSDT? (continued)

- Defined by law as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA '89) legislation
- Requires states to cover all services within the scope of the federal Medicaid program
- Includes periodic screening, vision, dental and hearing services among its requirements
- Requires (per Section 1905(r)(5) of the Social Security Act) that any medically necessary health care service listed in Section 1905(a) be provided to an EPSDT recipient, even if the service is not available under the state's Medicaid plan to the rest of the Medicaid population
- In Iowa, EPSDT is called Care for Kids



Our state partners programs

New Jersey	NJ Family Care	Tennessee	TennCare Kids
New York	Child Health Plus (CHPlus)	Florida	Florida Healthy Kids (FHK) (CHIP)
Wisconsin	Health Check	Louisiana	LaCHIP
Maryland	Healthy Kids	Texas	CHIP
Virginia	EPSDT	Kentucky	EPSDT
Georgia	PeachCare for Kids®	Nevada	Nevada Check Up
Iowa	Care for Kids	Kansas	KanCare
Washington	EPSDT		



Why is it important?

Focus attention on early prevention and treatment.

The program consists of two mutually supportive components:

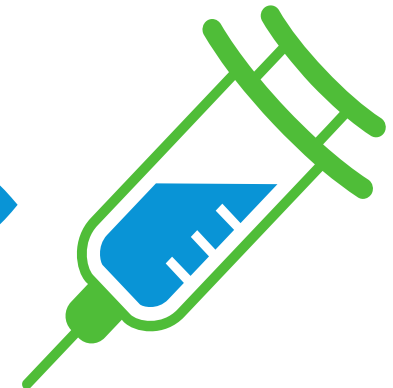
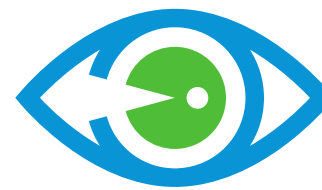
1. Assuring the availability and accessibility of required health care resources
2. Helping Medicaid recipients and their parents or guardians effectively use these resources



EPSDT Benefits

Screening services

- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam
- Developmental/behavioral assessment
- Nutrition assessment and education
- Appropriate immunizations
- Laboratory tests including blood lead screening
- Vision and hearing services
- Dental screening and education
- Anticipatory guidance
- Family risk factors and stressors
- Any necessary health care and referral for further diagnostics and treatment



Immunization and periodicity schedules

We recommend following established guidelines:



- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices immunization schedules
- [cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html]



- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule
- [brightfutures.aap.org/clinical_practice.html]



- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)
- [aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/G_CariesRiskAssessmentChart.pdf]



- American Academy of Family Physicians
- [aafp.org]



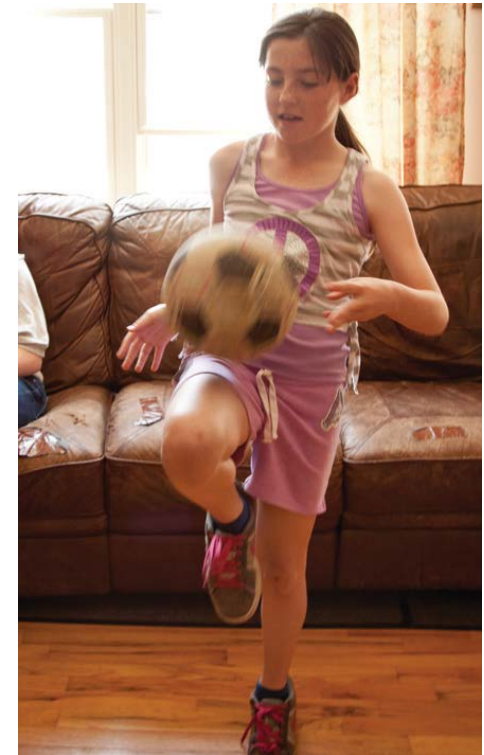
Treatment and follow-up care

When a screening service indicates the need for further evaluation and diagnosis, a referral or treatment is required without delay

Evaluation, diagnosis and/or treatment may be provided at the time of the screening visit if the health care professional is qualified to provide the services

Follow-up care can be provided by:

- Primary care providers (e.g., family physicians or pediatricians)
- Specialists (e.g., neurologists, ophthalmologists and audiologists)
- Other health professionals (e.g., dentists, advanced practice nurses, psychologists and nutritionists)
- Community agencies



How to report EPSDT services

- Providers must bill Amerigroup using correct coding guidelines to ensure accurate reporting for EPSDT services
- Submit information directly to the state's immunization registry (ISIS) promptly
- Enroll in your state's Vaccines for Children program.
- Amerigroup regularly exchanges data with state immunization registries and lead registries where applicable.



Amerigroup Outreach program

- Preventive health services reminder (annual birthday reminder)
- EPSDT overdue service reminder postcard
- Provider letters/overdue EPSDT service listing for members



We have noticed that [Child's name] is past due for a **checkup**

Your child deserves a healthy start in life. Regular checkups and immunizations by

Schedule a checkup with [Child's name]'s doctor and help your child grow up healthy.

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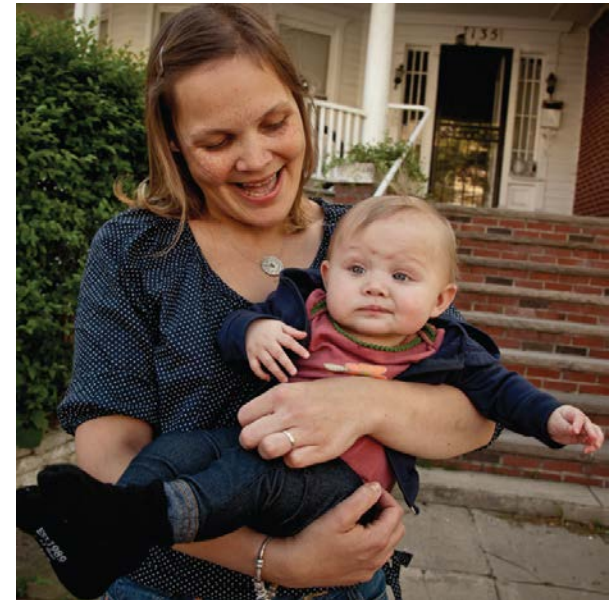
Resources for providers

- Provider manual/handbook
- EPSDT provider toolkit
 - Distributed to primary care providers and posted on our provider website
- Includes:
 - Guide to services and billing
 - Assessment summary
 - Preventive care resources



Next steps

- Review your provider manual/handbook and EPSDT provider toolkit.
- Call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 or your local Provider Relations representative if you have questions.
- Complete and submit the Training Verification form.



Thank you!

Thank you for completing the Amerigroup provider training program for improving EPSDT screening for members.

