

Provider Update

EPSDT reimbursement for incontinence garment supplies

Summary: Amerigroup Community Care reimburses for incontinence garment supplies for when deemed medically necessary for Medicaid members 21 years and under and PeachCare for Kids® members 19 years and under.

What is the impact of this update?

According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit includes a comprehensive array of preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services for Medicaid eligible infants, children and adolescents under age 21, as specified in Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

The EPSDT benefit is also available to PeachCare for Kids® members up to 19 years of age. The EPSDT benefit is designed to assure that children receive early detection and care, so that health problems are averted or diagnosed and treated as early as possible. The goal of the EPSDT benefit is to assure that individual children get the health care they need when they need it. The EPSDT benefit also covers medically necessary diagnostic services. When a screening examination indicates the need for further evaluation of a child's health, the child should be appropriately referred for diagnosis without delay.

States are required to arrange for and cover under the EPSDT benefit any Medicaid covered service listed in Section 1905(a) of the Act if that treatment or service is determined to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses or conditions. This includes physician, nurse practitioner and hospital services; physical, speech/language, and occupational therapies; home health services, including medical equipment, supplies, and appliances; treatment for mental health and substance use disorders; treatment for vision, hearing and dental diseases and disorders, and much more. This broad coverage requirement results in a comprehensive, high-quality health benefit for children under age 21 enrolled in Medicaid.

Based on the requirements of EPSDT, Amerigroup reimburses for incontinence garment supplies for members 21 years and under when deemed medically necessary.

Providers must use HIPAA compliant billing codes when billing or submitting encounter data. This applies to both electronic and paper claims. Amerigroup reserves the right to use code editing software to determine which service is considered part of, incidental to, or inclusive of the primary procedure.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

