

## Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment — coding and billing facts

### Sports physicals and sick visits

Providers can turn sports physicals or sick visits into Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) screenings. Amerigroup Community Care allows reimbursement for preventative medicine and sick visits on the same day under the following conditions:

- Modifier 25 must be billed with applicable evaluation, and management code for sick visit and appropriate diagnosis codes must be billed for respective visits.

### EPSDT screening frequency

TennCare members can have more than one EPSDT screening per year. Providers other than the member's assigned PCP can complete EPSDT screenings and the assigned PCP can complete multiple EPSDT screenings in a year if interperiodic exams are medically necessary.

### Secondary claims for members with a commercial insurance carrier and Medicaid coverage

- Submitting secondary claims allows for the closure of gaps in care which increases EPSDT rates:
  - Providers may need to submit a claim with a charge in order to send the secondary claim; they can enter one cent (\$0.01) if needed.
- Participating providers can potentially increase revenue through incentive programs such as Keeping Members Healthy, Category II coding use (BMI) and the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program.

### Electronic claims

Submitting claims electronically improves accuracy and shortens timelines for claim processing. Sharing data through electronic medical record data feeds on a regular basis also provides more real time assessment of your EPSDT rate.

### Additional resources

Visit [www.tnaap.org](http://www.tnaap.org) for additional resources on EPSDT and coding:

- EPSDT webinar
- AAP Recommendations for Preventative Pediatric Health *Care* (periodicity schedule)
- Tennessee's Voice for Children & Pediatricians EPSDT chart documentation forms
- American Academy of Pediatrics vaccine coding table

### What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.