



## *Quality Improvement: Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing (EPSDT)*

Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) is a **Medicaid Program** that covers many different kinds of services for children from birth up to 20 years of age. These benefits are available at no extra cost to the member. Benefits include well child check-ups, immunizations (shots), eyeglasses, dental care and a more completed list is provided under DHMP benefits section. A PCP should see the child within 30 days of request for an appointment.

### **PHONE CONTACT FOR DH MEDICAID CHOICE: CARE MANAGEMENT AT 303-602-2140**

- » Questions regarding Care Management
- » Refer a child for Care Management Services

### **WHAT ARE EPSDT GOALS?**

- » Assuring availability and accessibility of required health care services
- » Help Medicaid children and their parents effectively use these resources

### **WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE EPSDT SCREENING, OFTEN CALLED "WELL CHILD CHECKS"?**

- » Health history
- » Unclothed "head to toe" physical examination
- » Identification of all medical conditions and needs
- » Immunizations according to ACIP schedule
- » Age appropriate laboratory tests
- » Health education including anticipatory guidance
- » Development assessment
- » Nutritional assessment
- » Mental/behavioral health assessment
- » Vision screening
- » Hearing screening
- » Oral/dental screening with recommendation for biannual dental visits starting no later than age 1
- » Adolescent family planning and maternity care
- » Referrals for needed services

## **WHAT ARE WRAP-AROUND BENEFITS?**

Wrap-Around Benefits are additional treatments or services that are not part of the Denver Health Medicaid Choice covered benefits, but are covered by Medicaid and payable by the State's fiscal agent when medically necessary.

## **WRAP-AROUND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH EPSDT:**

- » Hearing devices and auditory training
- » Dental/hygienist care and treatment
- » Orthodontia for severe, handicapping malocclusions
- » Transportation for non-emergency medical, dental, or behavioral/mental health care
- » Family planning with a non DH provider such as Planned Parenthood
- » Hospice services
- » Skilled nursing facility care
- » Intestinal transplants
- » Private duty nursing
- » Expanded benefits; benefits that the state chooses to provide a child that are above and beyond the EPSDT benefit package. Examples are: chiropractic care and extraordinary home care

**ADDITIONAL EPSDT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE ON THE DHMP WEBSITE:**  
[denverhealthmedicalplan.org/provider-forms-and-materials](https://denverhealthmedicalplan.org/provider-forms-and-materials)