



## *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 them calling 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

## HOW DOES A PROVIDER OBTAIN ASSISTANCE WITH WRAP-AROUND SERVICES?

Providers can obtain assistance with Wrap-Around services from the ACS Clinic Social Worker and should contact them with any questions. Providers can also contact Healthy Communities to obtain assistance with EPSDT related Wrap-Around services, or may refer members to Healthy Communities for any questions related to EPSDT related Wrap-Around services. For more information regarding Healthy Communities please [visitcolorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/healthy-communities](https://visitcolorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/healthy-communities) or call 1-844-511-KIDS.

## HOW DOES A LOCAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR ASSIST PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES?

They help providers and families of Medicaid children (ages 0 through 20) by:

- » Helping families complete paperwork for Medicaid and CHP+
- » Guiding families to appropriately use Medicaid benefits
- » Assisting with finding a Medicaid dentist
- » Assisting with coordination of transportation through the local Health and Human services department

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