



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

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) is a Health First Colorado program (**Colorado's Medicaid Program**) that covers prevention, diagnostic and treatment services for members aged 20 and under, as well as pregnant women. This program is set up to find health problems early. The program goal is for children to get the physical, mental, vision, hearing, and dental care they need for their health. The program goal for pregnant women is to get prenatal services timely and regularly to support healthy mom and baby. These benefits are available at no extra cost to the member. A PCP should see the member within 30 days of request for an appointment.

### **WHAT ARE EPSDT INTENTIONS?**

- » Assuring availability and accessibility of required health care services
- » Help Medicaid children, their parents and pregnant women 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 aids, auditory training, audiological assessment and hearing evaluation
- » Dental/hygienist care and treatment
- » Orthodontia for severe, handicapping malocclusions
- » Transportation for non-emergency medical, dental, or behavioral/mental health care
- » Hospice services
- » Skilled nursing facility care
- » Intestinal transplants
- » Private duty nursing
- » Pediatric behavioral therapies
- » 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

#### **CARE MANAGEMENT (CM) SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR DHMP MEDICAID CHOICE MEMBERS**

- » Refer a child for Care Management Services
- » CM Team offers a high-risk Maternal Care program. Please send referrals to **DHMPMaternalCare@dhha.org**
- » CM Team offers Programs and Care Coordination services for EPSDT
- » Contact CM at **303-602-2184** or send referrals to **DHMPCC@dhha.org**

#### **ADDITIONAL EPSDT RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS INCLUDES:**

- » 12 months of postpartum services
- » Women, Infant, Children (WIC) through Public Health Departments. At this time, all Denver Health WIC clinics are open to serve members; appointments are being completed over the phone and in-person by request. We recommend directing members to call the Appointment Line at **303-602-6550** prior to coming to the clinic to find the best way to serve the member.
- » Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through the Department of Human Services: **cdhs.colorado.gov/snap**

**ADDITIONAL EPSDT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE ON THE DHMP WEBSITE:**

**[DenverHealthMedicalPlan.org/Provider-Forms-And-Materials](https://denverhealthmedicalplan.org/provider-forms-and-materials)**