



Quality Improvement: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (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 persons. This program is intended to identify health problems early. The goal is for children to get the physical, mental, vision, hearing, and dental care they need for their health, and for pregnant persons to get prenatal services timely and regularly to support healthy parent and baby. These benefits are available at no extra cost to the member. A primary care provider (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 and pregnant persons effectively use these resources

THE EPSDT BENEFIT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES IN THE EPSDT SCREENING:

- » Health history
- » Unclothed "head to toe" physical examination
- » Identification of all medical conditions and needs
- » Immunizations according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule
- » Age-appropriate laboratory tests (including lead toxicity testing)
- » Health education including anticipatory guidance
- » Development assessment
- » Mental/behavioral health assessment
- » Vision screening
- » Hearing screening
- » Oral/dental screening
- » Adolescent family planning and maternity care
- » Referrals for needed services
- » Follow Bright Futures Guidelines
- » See also American Academy of Pediatrics Periodicity Schedule at publications.aap.org/pediatriccare/pages/periodicity-schedule

WHAT ARE WRAP-AROUND BENEFITS?

Wrap-around benefits are additional treatments or services that are not part of the Elevate Medicaid Choice covered benefits but are covered by Medicaid and are authorized by 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
- » Doula services

CARE MANAGEMENT (CM) SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ELEVATE MEDICAID CHOICE MEMBERS:

- » Refer a child for CM 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, and certain appointments can even be completed online. 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 at cdhs.colorado.gov/snap

**EPSDT training is available on the DHMP website (DenverHealthMedicalPlan.org/For-Providers) and on the HCPF Website (HCPF.colorado.gov/EPSDT).
For Denver Health providers, EPSDT training is also available in Workday Learning.**