

EPSDT: Supporting the health of our youngest members

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)

is Medicaid's comprehensive health program for members under age 21. Together, we make sure every eligible member gets the preventive care they need early and often.

Required services:

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule includes the following services:

- Complete physical exam
- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Immunizations per the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule
- Laboratory tests
- Health education and anticipatory guidance for children, parents, and guardians
- Vision screening and treatment
- Hearing diagnosis and treatment
- Dental services
- Lead screening per CMS and Oklahoma requirements
- Diagnostic referrals and follow-up as needed
- Treatment to correct or improve conditions found during screening
- Direct-access immunizations: members can receive flu and pneumococcal vaccines from any network provider at no cost when that is the only service at the visit
- Palliative care for members with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions

Your responsibilities

- Screen and immunize members ages 0 through 21 per Oklahoma's periodicity schedule and AAP Bright Futures guidelines
- Use every visit as an opportunity — mild illness visits and sibling visits count
- Document all EPSDT elements on state-required encounter forms, including anticipatory guidance and follow-up
- Bill EPSDT visits using the correct CPT preventive codes
- Reach out when appointments are missed
- Track referrals
- Report all blood lead test results electronically to the Oklahoma Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP)



What is EPSDT?

EPSDT covers a full range of health services for Medicaid members under the age of 21, including screenings, immunizations, vision, hearing, dental, and any medically necessary treatment — even services not otherwise covered under SoonerSelect.

Claims and payment

Aetna Better Health is committed to timely payment of EPSDT claims in compliance with federal and state requirements, including 42 CFR § 447.45 and the Oklahoma SoonerSelect Contract § 1.22.83.

- Aetna Better Health processes and pays all EPSDT-related claims, even when a third-party resource may exist, to avoid delays in care
- Claim holdbacks for potential third-party liability are not permitted for EPSDT services
- Third-party recovery is pursued after payment is made

How Aetna Better Health supports you

We're here to help. We:

- Educate providers on EPSDT program requirements
- Monitor network adequacy and access to care
- Accept referrals from providers to have a member outreached by care management staff especially when you've been unable to reach the member to schedule an appointment
- Accept referrals from providers who identify problems through EPSDT exams

Resources



[Aetna Better Health provider website](#)



[OHCA EPSDT program](#)



[Federal EPSDT guidelines](#)



[Bright Futures practice management](#)



[AAP preventive care and periodicity schedule](#)

Watch for these barriers to care:

- Transportation challenges
- Scheduling difficulties
- Language or cultural differences
- Lack of awareness of available services

For transportation support, members can call **1-877-718-4208** or visit the [rides section](#) of the member website.

When you identify a barrier, we can help.

Contact Member Services or the Care Management Team at **1-844-635-4385**.



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