

EPSDT: Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment

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What is EPSDT?

- EPSDT is a preventive health care program with two primary purposes:
- To bring Medicaid children who are receiving little or no care into the medical mainstream
- To detect and correct health problems before they lead to serious, costly, handicapping conditions.

Available to all Medicaid eligible

children and youth from birth through age 20.

EPSDT Case Management Services

EPSDT case management:

- Is the responsibility of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.
- Is sub-contracted to local agencies.

EPSDT case managers:

- Have the responsibility to facilitate the EPSDT screening
- Help families select a PCP, if requested
- Give transportation options
- Do follow-up on screening appointments and arrange for diagnostic and treatment services
- Refer to those providers who are able to provide health care and other needed services within the community.

Behavioral Health Services and EPSDT

It is the policy of Beacon Health Options to coordinate Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) with other practitioners and agencies for eligible clients by:

- Obtaining results of screens that indicate a need for behavioral health intervention;
- Referring clients who need screens to their Primary Care Physician/Pediatrician;
- Considering results of screens in service planning; and
- Educating Primary Care Physicians/Pediatricians about referrals for mental health services.

EPSDT and the behavioral health provider

As a provider of behavioral health services to Medicaid members, you are expected to coordinate care and support EPSDT by:

- Identifying eligible children and checking with their Primary Care Physicians to determine if EPSDT screening has been completed
- If EPSDT screening has not been done, request that the PCP completes the screening and communicates with you about any mental health needs identified so you can include these in treatment planning
- If a child in the eligible age group does not have a PCP, contact HCPF to assist with access to EPSDT case management services.
- Documenting the results of any screenings, assessments and examinations in the child's medical record. This documentation should minimally include: identified problem(s); negative findings; further diagnostic studies or treatments needed; date(s) such assessment or treatment was ordered.

How do I access EPSDT for members?

To locate the EPSDT office serving your member, please call Health Care Policy and Financing at:

(303) 866-6006 or (800) 221-3943,

OR

Go to the web site:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1218622604254>

OR

Call the BHO's Access to Care Line.