



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

Full details about the EPSDT Program are located on our [website](#).

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and youth receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental and specialty services.

Early: Assessing and identifying problems early

Periodic: Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals

Screening: Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems

Diagnostic: Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified, and

Treatment: Control, correct or reduce health problems found.

Who Qualifies?

Children and Youth ages 20 and younger who are enrolled in Medicaid.

Benefits and Services

Colorado provides through Healthy Communities and other programs:

- Information to all Medicaid-eligible individuals under age 20 and under, including adults who are pregnant, that EPSDT services are available and of the need for age-appropriate screenings, well child visits and immunizations;
- Provide or arrange for the provision of screening services for all children;
- Arrange (through referral) for corrective treatment as determined by child health screenings;
- Missed appointment follow-up;
- Refer for transportation assistance; and
- [Outreach and Referral Process](#)

Our mission is to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources.
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Periodicity Schedule

Colorado has adopted the [American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Periodicity schedule](#).

Lead Screening

Lead screening is a requirement for all Medicaid eligible children at 12 and 24 months or between the ages of 36 and 72 months if not previously tested.

Medical Necessity

All Medicaid coverable, medically necessary, services must be provided even if the service is not available under the state plan to other people who qualify for Medicaid. Benefits not listed are not considered to be a state plan benefit and are therefore outside of EPSDT coverage and exceptions. No arbitrary limitations on services are allowed, e.g., one pair of eyeglasses or 10 physical therapy visits per year.

EPSDT and Managed Care

- All EPSDT requirements must be adhered to for individuals who receive services under managed care arrangements.
- Colorado is responsible for medically necessary services not included in the managed care contract.

EPSDT Data

[Form CMS-416](#) is used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to collect basic information on State Medicaid and CHIP programs to assess the effectiveness of EPSDT.

Colorado makes the final determination of medical necessity and it is determined on a case-by-case basis. Provider recommendations will be taken in to consideration, but are not the sole determining factor in coverage. Colorado determines which treatment it will cover among equally effective, available alternative treatments.

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