

4. b. EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT).

In administering the EPSDT Program, the Department has established procedures to (1) inform all eligible individuals of the availability of EPSDT services; (2) provide or arrange for requested screening services; and (3) arrange for corrective treatment of health problems found as a result of screening.

EPSDT services are available through state health departments, rural health clinics, and a variety of individual practitioners both in single and group practice.

Appropriate immunizations according to the schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for pediatric vaccines will be provided.

Lead screening services are provided at 12 and 24 months per CMS guidelines, and for children between the ages of 36 months and 72 months of age if they have not been previously screened for lead poisoning.

Screening services are available based on the American Academy of Pediatrics nationally recognized periodicity schedule.

Medically necessary interperiodic screens are available when applicable.

All medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services will be provided to correct and ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered during an EPSDT screen, periodic or interperiodic, whether or not such services are covered or exceed the benefit limitations in the State Plan. Appropriate limits may be placed on EPSDT services based on medical necessity.

Periodic and interperiodic screenings, assessments and immunizations are covered under the EPSDT program. All other EPSDT services are covered under the individual programs as described in Attachments 3.1-A, B, and E of this plan.

Services which are medically necessary but which are not currently provided under the plan must be prior approved and will be reimbursed according to the reimbursement methodologies described on Supplement 1 to "Attachment 4.19-8, Page 1. Medical necessity is defined per Part I Policies and Procedures for Medicaid/Peachcare for Kids.

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