
CHAPTER 47: EPSDT HEALTH AND IDEA, Part C - EarlySteps

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PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

To provide services and receive Medicaid reimbursement for children ages birth to three (3) years, providers must be enrolled as a Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Health Services provider and with the EarlySteps program. All Medicaid providers are enrolled in accordance with applicable requirements for the provider's designated type (Provider Type 29) and specialty. Medicaid provider enrollment is performed by Medicaid's fiscal intermediary. EarlySteps enrollment is accomplished with the appropriate regional coordinator and the Central Finance Office fiscal intermediary. Information regarding provider enrollment with EarlySteps can be found at: <http://www.earlysteps.dhh.louisiana.gov>.

Medical, vision, and hearing and screening services are provided through Healthy Louisiana. For children exempt from enrollment in Healthy Louisiana, these services shall be provided by their primary care physician.

Rendering Provider

The rendering provider must meet Medicaid-qualified provider criteria if the EarlySteps provider bills Medicaid for the services performed. These criteria include state licensure, and in some cases, certification, registration or other professional or academic credentials. In addition, the rendering provider must provide services within the scope of their professional licensure or certification and, if applicable, be supervised as required by professional practice acts. Practitioners providing individualized family services plan (IFSP) services must not appear on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Inspector General's "List of Excluded Individuals and Entities." The list is available online. (Refer to Appendix C for contact information).

As stated above, for IFSP covered services, the rendering provider must be enrolled with Medicaid.