ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All Medicaid eligible children birth through twenty first birthday are eligible for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services**.**

- Medicaid eligible children ages birth up to third birthday are eligible for EPSDT Health Services through the EarlySteps Program. Please see the EarlySteps Program manual for more information.
- Medicaid eligible children ages 3 through age 20 are eligible for EPSDT Health Services through a participating Local Education Agency (LEA). LEA must be an approved EPSDT Provider (Type 70) with Louisiana Medicaid.
- Health services must be provided by an LEA and licensed practitioner employed by the LEA. EPSDT health services on the Medicaid approved Periodicity Table may be reimbursed when provided by a licensed practitioner within the scope of their practice. All other health services must be included in a completed authorizing written plan of care pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 104.36:
    - Individualized Education Plan (lEP);
    - 504 Accommodation Plan;
    - Individualized Health Care Plan; or
    - Included in a medically necessary written plan of care, and include medical services.

Medically necessary services must be prescribed by a licensed practitioner practicing within their scope of practice and performed by practitioners with a license or certification under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner. Unlicensed/certified practitioners practicing under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner must have received education and demonstrated competency for each health care service provided. LEA must substantiate that all requirements are met and maintain documentation of education and demonstrated competency for unlicensed/certified practitioners. Licensed practitioners assume professional liability for unlicensed/certified practitioners under their direction and supervision and within their scope of practice.