
CHAPTER 20: EPSDT HEALTH AND IDEA – RELATED SERVICES

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All Medicaid eligible children through age 20 are eligible for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services. Medicaid eligible children ages birth through 2 years may receive EPSDT Health Services through EarlySteps, and Medicaid eligible children from three years through 20 years of age are eligible for EPSDT Health Services through the Local Education Agency (LEA). All EPSDT Health Services must be furnished through a child's Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP) and must be included in the current IFSP or IEP. Non-IEP or non-IFSP services may not be billed to Medicaid under the EPSDT Health Services program.

However, for the nursing program under the EPSDT Health Services, all nursing services must be furnished through a child's Individual Health Plan (IHP) and must be included in the current IHP.

If a Medicaid eligible child does not meet the eligibility requirements for the EPSDT Health Services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B or Part C, these medically necessary Medicaid covered services are available from Medicaid. Medically necessary services must be prescribed by a physician and prior authorization is required.