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REIMBURSEMENT

EPSDT Health Services for Children with Disabilities program requirements for reimbursement are:

- All services must be furnished in the interest of establishing or modifying a child's individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family services plan (IFSP) or the services furnished must already be included in the current IEP or IFSP. Non-IEP or non-Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) services may not be billed to Medicaid under this program.
- Only local education agencies are eligible to enroll as a provider for children ages three through twenty years.
- Fee for service payments resulting from claims submitted by providers are considered interim payments as providers must submit cost reporting documentation annually as part of their Certified Public Expenditure cost settlement.
- These services must be coordinated with other age appropriate preventive health services, including screenings and immunizations with Bayou Health.
 - Contact Bayou Health or the primary care physician for recipients not linked to Bayou Health to determine the screening and immunization status of the child.
 - EPSDT Health and IDEA-Related Services must also be coordinated with the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Head Start. Make age-appropriate referrals for these services.
- Employ or contract with professional staff qualified to provide the services that meet state and Medicaid practitioner standards regarding certification, licensure, and supervision. Documentation of staff qualifications must be provided to Medicaid as part of the enrollment and monitoring process.
- A written referral or prescription is no longer required from a licensed physician to provide speech pathology services. However, speech pathology services must still be included in a student's IEP in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid. A written referral or prescription must be obtained from a licensed physician to furnish occupational therapy, physical therapy, and audiology services. This must be done at least annually. The written referral or prescription is not required to conduct an initial evaluation.

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- Medicaid collections from these services must be spent on the provision of health related services to children regardless of their Medicaid status.
- Expenditures should be prioritized for expanding service delivery through additional employed or contracted staff before allocating funds for equipment and supplies, administrative support activities, capital improvements, or meeting the individual needs of children with disabilities.
- Medicaid funds may not be used for strictly educational or non-medical purposes.