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SUBJECT Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule		BY  Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISE-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to issue *Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix*, effective May 26, 2020.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide EPSDT screens for MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service and managed care delivery systems. Providers rendering services in the managed care delivery system should address any payment related questions to the appropriate MA managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Human Services (Department) recognizes the EPSDT screening period as an important and unique opportunity for providers to perform a comprehensive evaluation of a child's health and provide appropriate follow-up diagnostic and treatment services. Pennsylvania's EPSDT periodicity schedule reflects recommendations for pediatric care at intervals established by the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) *Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents*. The EPSDT periodicity schedule also includes recommendations from other nationally recognized medical organizations including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>.

There are no coding changes as a result of the implementation of the 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System updates. This year, the AAP's *Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents* included a single footnote update that impacts Pennsylvania's EPSDT periodicity schedule. Therefore, the Department updated Pennsylvania's EPSDT periodicity schedule to incorporate AAP's change. The Department also made two content updates and two footnote updates to improve tracking of performed services and improve referral and evaluation suggestions. The updates are as follows:

Content Updates

- On the line for "Depression Screening", the dot (●) in each periodicity from 12 through 20 years of age was replaced with the procedure code 96127 to improve tracking of performed services. Providers are to use a standardized screening tool to assess depression. The Department does not endorse a specific screening tool to assess depression. Providers should use a screening tool that is most suitable for the provider's practice.
- On the line for "Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment", the star (★) in each periodicity from 11 through 20 years of age includes procedure code 96160 to identify that the assessment was performed. Providers should follow-up as appropriate when risk of tobacco, alcohol or drug use is indicated by the assessment.

Footnote Updates

- Footnote 10 was updated to include:
 - Caregiver anxiety screening and caregiver substance use disorder as part of a family-centered psychosocial/behavioral assessment. Appropriate referrals are to be made when necessary.
 - Maternal depression screenings as supported by the AAP in *Bright Futures*.
- Footnote 19 was updated to include referral and evaluation suggestions for children with elevated blood lead levels.

PROCEDURE:

Effective May 26, 2020, providers should use the *Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix* attached to this bulletin when providing and billing EPSDT screens. This periodicity schedule remains in effect until the next issuance by the Department.

For a complete listing of referral codes, modifiers and diagnosis codes that apply to the EPSDT Program, please refer to the billing guides, available online at:

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/PROMISe_Guides/Pages/PROMISe-Handbooks.aspx

RESOURCES:

American Academy of Pediatrics, *Bright Futures Guidelines*

<https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/guidelines-and-pocket-guide/Pages/default.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Immunization Recommendations
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), Recommendations for Primary Care Practice
<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/BrowseRec/Index>

ATTACHMENTS:

Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix (Effective May 26, 2020)

**Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix (Effective May 26, 2020)**

Services	Newborn (Inpatient)	3-5 d	By 1 mo	2-3 mo	4-5 mo	6-8 mo	9-11 mo	12 mo	15 mo	18 mo	24 mo	30 mo	3 y	4 y
Complete Screen: 1, 2, 3	A complete screen requires all codes indicated for each periodicity be completed and reported. Report only one CPT code if multiple CPT codes are listed per service, except for immunizations.													
New Patient	99460 EP ⁴ / 99463 EP ⁵	99381 EP	99381 EP	99381 EP	99381 EP	99381 EP	99381 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP	99382 EP
Established Patient		99391 EP	99391 EP	99391 EP	99391 EP	99391 EP	99391 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP	99392 EP
Pennsylvania Newborn Screening Panel	• ⁶	• ⁷ ← →												
Newborn Bilirubin	•													
Critical Congenital Heart Defect Screening ⁸	•													
Developmental Surveillance ⁹	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•
Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment ¹⁰	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment														
Maternal Depression Screening ^{10, 11}			96161	96161	96161	96161								
Developmental Screening							96110			96110		96110		
Autism Screening										96110 U1	96110 U1			
Vision ¹¹	Assessed through observation or through health history/physical.													
• Visual acuity screen													99173	99173
• Instrument-based screening ¹²													99174	99174
													99177	99177
Hearing ^{11, 13}	•	• ¹⁴ ← →												
• Audio Screen														
• Pure tone-air only													★	92551
														92552
Oral Health ¹⁵						•	•	★		★	★	★	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶
Anemia ^{11, 17}														
• Hematocrit (spun)						★ ¹⁸	85013 ¹⁸	85013 ¹⁴	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms.					
• Hemoglobin							85018 ¹⁸	85018 ¹⁴						
Lead ^{11, 17, 19}						★	83655	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴
Tuberculin Test ¹¹	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.													
Sickle Cell														
Sexually Transmitted Infections ²⁰														
Dyslipidemia ^{11, 17}														
Immunizations	Administer immunizations according to the ACIP schedule. Every visit should be considered an opportunity to bring a child's immunizations up to date. Refer to ACIP's Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html													

Please refer to the EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix Footnotes.

Key

- = to be performed
- ◆ = referral to a dental home

- ★ = risk assessment to be performed with appropriate action to follow, if positive
- ←•→ = range during which a service may be performed

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Services	5 y	6 y	7 y	8 y	9 y	10 y	11 y	12 y	13 y	14 y	15 y	16 y	17 y	18 y	19 y	20 y
Complete Screen: ^{1, 2, 3}	A complete screen requires all codes indicated for each periodicity be completed and reported. Report only one CPT code if multiple CPT codes are listed per service, except for immunizations.															
New Patient	99383 EP	99383 EP	99383 EP	99383 EP	99383 EP	99383 EP	99383 EP	99384 EP	99384 EP	99384 EP	99384 EP	99384 EP	99384 EP	99385 EP	99385 EP	99385 EP
Established Patient	99393 EP	99393 EP	99393 EP	99393 EP	99393 EP	99393 EP	99393 EP	99394 EP	99394 EP	99394 EP	99394 EP	99394 EP	99394 EP	99395 EP	99395 EP	99395 EP
Developmental Surveillance ⁹	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment ¹⁰	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment							96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★
Developmental Screening	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms.															
Autism Screening																
Depression Screening								96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127
Vision ¹¹																
• Visual acuity screen	99173	99173		99173		99173		99173			99173					
• Instrument-based screening ¹²	99174 99177	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	★	99174 99177	★	★	★	★	★
Hearing ¹¹																
• Audio Screen	92551	92551	★	92551	★	92551	←		92551	→	←	92551	→	←		92551
• Pure tone-air only	92552	92552		92552		92552			92552			92552				92552
Oral Health	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶
Anemia ^{11, 17}	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms. See Recommendations to prevent and control iron deficiency in the United States. <i>MMWR</i> . 1998;47(RR-3):1-36. Beginning at 12 years of age for females, do once after onset of menses and if indicated by history and/or symptoms.															
• Hematocrit (spun)																
• Hemoglobin																
Lead ^{11, 17, 19}	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴														
Tuberculin Test ¹¹	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.															
Sickle Cell																
Sexually Transmitted Infections ²⁰																
HIV Screening ²¹																
Dyslipidemia ^{11, 17}		★		★	80061	80061 ¹⁴	80061 ¹⁴	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.					80061	80061 ¹⁴	80061 ¹⁴	80061 ¹⁴
Immunizations	Administer immunizations according to the ACIP schedule. Every visit should be considered an opportunity to bring a child's immunizations up to date. Refer to ACIP's Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html															

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EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix Footnotes

¹ A complete screen must include the following: a comprehensive history; relevant measurements (for assessment of growth); physical examination; anticipatory guidance/counseling/risk factor reduction interventions; all assessments/screenings as indicated on Periodicity Schedule; and the ordering of appropriate laboratory/diagnostic procedures as recommended by the current AAP guidelines, found at: <https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/guidelines-and-pocket-guide/Pages/default.aspx>.

² Beginning at 2 years of age, weight for length measurement should be replaced by calculation of Body Mass Index. Age-appropriate nutrition counseling should be provided regarding promotion of healthy weight, healthy nutrition, and physical activity.

³ Blood pressure should be measured as indicated by child's risk status from infant to 3 years of age, when measurement should be universal.

⁴ Procedure code 99460 and modifier EP are to be used for a newborn screen performed in the hospital, but not on the same day as hospital discharge.

⁵ Procedure code 99463 and modifier EP are to be used for a newborn screen performed in the hospital on the same day as hospital discharge.

⁶ Pennsylvania Newborn Screening Panel should be done according to state law, prior to newborn's discharge from hospital. Confirm screen was completed, verify results and follow up as appropriate.

⁷ Verify results of Pennsylvania Newborn Screening Panel as soon as possible and follow up as appropriate.

⁸ Newborns should be screened for critical congenital heart disease using pulse oximetry before leaving the hospital.

⁹ Developmental Surveillance is required at each visit for a complete screen, except when developmental screening is required.

¹⁰ Psychosocial/behavioral assessment should be family-centered and may include an assessment of child social-emotional health, caregiver depression and anxiety, caregiver substance use disorder, and social determinants of health, including both risk factors and strengths/protective factors. Maternal depression screenings are included at intervals listed to incorporate recognition and management of perinatal depression into pediatric practice. Referrals should be made as appropriate.

¹¹ If testing for maternal depression, objective vision/hearing testing, anemia, lead, tuberculin, or dyslipidemia is not completed, use CPT code for standard testing method *plus* CPT modifier -52 EPSDT Screening Services/Components Not Completed. If a screening service/ component is reported with modifier 52, the

provider must complete the screening service/component during the next screening opportunity according to the Periodicity Schedule.

¹² Instrument-based screening may be completed to detect amblyopia, strabismus, and/or high refractive error in children who are unable or unwilling to cooperate with traditional visual acuity screening.

¹³ All newborns should receive an initial hearing screening before being discharged from hospital. If the hearing screening was not completed in hospital, the hearing screening should occur by 3 months of age.

¹⁴ Screening must be provided at times noted, unless done previously.

¹⁵ At 6-8 and 9-11 months, an oral health risk assessment is to be administered and the need for fluoride supplementation assessed. The first dental examination is recommended at the time of the eruption of the first tooth and no later than 12 months of age. At 12, 18, 24, and 30 months, determine if child has a dental home. If not, complete assessments and refer to dental home.

¹⁶ Beginning at 3 years of age, referral to a dental home is a required screening component and must be reported using the YD referral code.

¹⁷ When laboratory procedures are performed by a party other than the treating or reporting physician, use CPT code *plus* CPT modifier -90 Reference Outside Lab.

¹⁸ Initial measurement of hemoglobin or hematocrit to assess for iron-deficiency anemia is recommended between 9 and 12 months of age by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, the AAP recommends risk assessment for anemia at 4 months of age, 15 months of age and then each periodicity thereafter.

¹⁹ Capillary samples may be used for blood lead testing; however, elevated blood lead levels based on capillary samples are presumptive and must be confirmed using a venous sample. All children 0-3 years of age with elevated blood lead levels should be referred to Early Intervention services. All children under 21 years of age with elevated blood lead levels should be referred for an Environmental Lead Investigation.

²⁰ All sexually active patients should be screened for sexually transmitted infections (STI).

²¹ Those at increased risk of HIV infection, including those who are sexually active, participate in injection drug use, or are being tested for other STIs, should be tested for HIV and reassessed annually.