

# EPSDT

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*This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.*

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## Policy Overview

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for children younger than 21 (twenty-one) years who are enrolled in Medicaid, includes preventive and comprehensive health care services, and is designed to guarantee access to age-appropriate screening, preventive care, and treatment for children and adolescents.

## Exceptions

N/A

## Reimbursement Guidelines

EPSDT is made up of the following comprehensive services that are intended to find and prevent health issues:

- Screening services
  - Health and developmental history
  - Physical exam
  - Immunizations
  - Laboratory tests
  - Health education
- Vision services
- Dental services
- Hearing services
- Other necessary health care services (if coverable under the Federal Medicaid program and are found to be medically necessary to treat, correct, or reduce illnesses and conditions discovered)
- Diagnostic services, if identified by a screening examination
- Treatment for any identified physical and mental illnesses or conditions

The District of Columbia Preventive Pediatric Health Care Periodicity Schedule is included as part of this Reimbursement Policy. Refer to the link in the Edit Sources below.

The appropriate preventive medicine CPT codes, diagnosis codes, modifiers and EPSDT referral indicators (if indicated following the preventive visit) must be included on the claim. Claims missing this information will be denied.

### Diagnosis Codes for the Primary Diagnosis

Z76.1        Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling  
Z76.2        Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child  
Z00.121      Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings  
Z00.129      Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings  
Include additional diagnosis code(s) for any abnormal finding.

### Procedure Codes

#### Initial Comprehensive Preventive Evaluation and Management (new patient)

99460    Newborn Care (during admission)  
99381    Age < 1 year  
99382    Age 1-4 years  
99383    Age 5-11 years  
99384    Age 12-17 years  
99385    Age 18-20

#### Periodic Comprehensive Preventive Medicine Evaluation and Management (established patient)

99463    Newborn (same day discharge)  
99391    Age < 1 year  
99392    Age 1-4 years  
99393    Age 5-11  
99394    Age 12-17  
99385    Age 18-20

## EPSDT Modifiers

EP Complete Screen  
52 Incomplete Screen  
90 Outpatient Lab  
U1 Autism (Use U1 with CPT code 96110 for Autism screening. CPT code 96110 without a U1 modifier is to be used for a Developmental screening.)

Failure to append EPSDT modifiers will cause claims to be processed as non-EPSDT related encounters.

## Referral Indicators

YM Medical Referral  
YD Dental Referral  
YV Vision Referral  
YH Hearing Referral  
YB Behavioral Health Referral  
YO Other Referral

## Definitions

### Modifier EP

Modifier EP is required for a service provided as part of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) visit.

## Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. <https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/pdf/provider/billing-manual.pdf>
- VI. <https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/provider/resources/epsdt.aspx>
- VII. <https://www.amerihealthcaritasdc.com/pdf/provider/epsdt-periodicity-table.pdf>
- VIII. District of Columbia Medicaid Fee Schedule(s) and associated publications.

## Attachments

N/A

## Associated Policies

N/A

## Policy History

12/2025	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2025	Revised preamble
04/2024	Revised preamble
08/2023	Removal of policy implemented by Healthy DC from Policy History section
01/2023	Template Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revised preamble</li><li>• Removal of Applicable Claim Types table</li><li>• Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Added Associated Policies section</li></ul>
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