

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.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

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">Revised preambleRemoval of Applicable Claim Types tableCoding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines

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