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SUBJECT Revisions to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule		BY  Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of revisions to the Pennsylvania Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix as a result of the implementation of the 2009 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Updates, effective June 14, 2010.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide EPSDT screens for MA recipients in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) (including ACCESS Plus) and managed care delivery systems, except those providers rendering services in the managed care delivery system should address any payment-related or coding questions to the appropriate MA Managed Care Organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Welfare (Department) recognizes the EPSDT screening period as a unique opportunity to perform a comprehensive evaluation of a child's health and provide appropriate and timely follow-up diagnostic and treatment services. The Department emphasizes the importance of the EPSDT screening program and covers screening services at intervals which are based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD).

The Department issued MA Bulletin 99-08-13, "Updates to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule", effective September 1, 2008, with updates to the periodicity schedule, billing instructions, and increased fees for complete EPSDT screens. Recently, the Department updated the MA Program Fee Schedule, effective June 14, 2010, with the issuance of MA Bulletin 99-10-05, titled, "The 2009

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HCPCS Updates and Other Procedure Codes and Procedure Code/Modifier Combination Changes". Two procedure codes listed on the periodicity schedule, 99431 (History and

Examination of the Normal Newborn Infant) and 99435 (History and Examination of the Normal Newborn Infant Admitted and Discharged on the Same Date) were end-dated as part of the 2009 HCPCS updates and are replaced with procedure codes 99460 (History and Examination of the Normal Newborn Infant) and 99463 (History and Examination of the Normal Newborn Infant Admitted and Discharged on the Same Date). The Department is revising Pennsylvania's EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix as follows to reflect the 2009 HCPCS updates described above:

- Under the "Newborn (Inpatient)" periodicity column, procedure codes 99431 and 99435 have been replaced with the updated procedure codes 99460 and 99463.
- Footnote number 9 on the periodicity schedule is being revised to add procedure code 99460 which is to be used for a newborn screen that is performed in the hospital but not on the same day the child is discharged.
- Footnote number 10 on the periodicity schedule is being revised to add procedure code 99463 which is to be used for a newborn screen that is performed in the hospital on the same day the child is discharged.

PROCEDURE:

Effective June 14, 2010, providers should use the attached EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule, which is updated to include procedure codes 99460 and 99463. All other guidance issued under MAB 99-08-13, effective September 1, 2008, remains in effect and providers should continue to refer to the bulletin for previous updates to the EPSDT Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix, billing instructions for EPSDT screens, and associated fee increases for complete EPSDT screens.

ATTACHMENT:

Pennsylvania Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix (Effective June 14, 2010)