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<b>SUBJECT</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule</p>		<b>BY</b>   <p style="text-align: center;">Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs</p>

**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 the *Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix*.

## **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 (USPSTF).

**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 2021 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System updates. This year, the AAP's 2021 Periodicity Schedule, Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care was updated to reflect the recently expanded screening recommendation for hepatitis C virus (HCV). Both the CDC and the USPSTF now recommend screening for HCV at least once for all individuals between 18 and 79 years of age. The Department has updated Pennsylvania's EPSDT periodicity schedule to incorporate this expanded screening recommendation. The updates are as follows:

- Risk assessment for HCV infection has been added to occur at the ages of 18, 19 and 20 years old, with appropriate action to follow, if positive.
- Footnote 22 has been added to read as follows: "Those at increased risk of HCV infection, including those with past or current injection drug use, should be tested for HCV infection and reassessed annually."

### **PROCEDURE:**

Effective March 1, 2021, 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](https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/PROMISE_Guides/Pages/PROMISE-Handbooks.aspx).

### **ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE DURING COVID-19:**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a significant drop in well-child visits has resulted in delays in vaccinations, delays in appropriate screenings and referrals, and delays in anticipatory guidance to assure optimal health. Concern exists that delays in vaccinations may result in secondary outbreaks with vaccine-preventable illnesses.

Pennsylvania strongly supports the continued provision of health care for children during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pediatricians should identify children who have missed well-child visits and/or recommended vaccinations and should work with families to bring children up to date as quickly as possible.

Consistent with previous guidance, all well-child care should occur in person whenever possible and within the child's medical home where continuity of care may be established and maintained. For practices who have successfully implemented telehealth to provide appropriate elements of the well exam virtually, these telehealth visits should continue to be supported, followed by a timely in-person visit. ([AAP Telehealth Guidance](#))

### **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 March 1, 2021)

**Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program  
Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix – March 1, 2021**

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: <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup> / 99463 EP <sup>5</sup>	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	• <sup>6</sup>	• <sup>7</sup> ← →												
Newborn Bilirubin	•													
Critical Congenital Heart Defect Screening <sup>8</sup>	•													
Developmental Surveillance <sup>9</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•
Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment <sup>10</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment														
Maternal Depression Screening <sup>10, 11</sup>			96161	96161	96161	96161								
Developmental Screening							96110			96110		96110		
Autism Screening										96110 U1	96110 U1			
Vision <sup>11</sup>	Assessed through observation or through health history/physical.												99173	99173
• Visual acuity screen													99174	99174
• Instrument-based screening <sup>12</sup>													99177	99177
Hearing <sup>11, 13</sup>	•	• <sup>14</sup> ← →												
• Audio Screen													★	92551
• Pure tone-air only														92552
Oral Health <sup>15</sup>						•	•	★		★	★	★	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>
Anemia <sup>11, 17</sup>														
• Hematocrit (spun)					★ <sup>18</sup>		85013 <sup>18</sup>	85013 <sup>14</sup>	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms.					
• Hemoglobin							85018 <sup>18</sup>	85018 <sup>14</sup>						
Lead <sup>11, 17, 19</sup>						★	83655	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>
Tuberculin Test <sup>11</sup>	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.													
Sickle Cell														
Sexually Transmitted Infections <sup>20</sup>														
Dyslipidemia <sup>11, 17</sup>														
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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html</a>													

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

## Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix – March 1, 2021

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: <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	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 <sup>9</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessment <sup>10</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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 <sup>11</sup>																
• Visual acuity screen	99173	99173		99173		99173		99173			99173					
• Instrument-based screening <sup>12</sup>	99174 99177	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	99174 99177	★	★	99174 99177	★	★	★	★	★
Hearing <sup>11</sup>																
• Audio Screen	92551	92551	★	92551	★	92551	←		92551	→	←	92551	→	←		92551
• Pure tone-air only	92552	92552		92552		92552			92552			92552				92552
Oral Health	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>	◆ <sup>16</sup>
Anemia <sup>11, 17</sup>	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 <sup>11, 17, 19</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>	83655 <sup>14</sup>														
Tuberculin Test <sup>11</sup>	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.															
Sickle Cell																
Sexually Transmitted Infections <sup>20</sup>																
HIV Screening <sup>21</sup>																
Hepatitis C Virus Infection <sup>22</sup>														★	★	★
Dyslipidemia <sup>11, 17</sup>		★		★	80061	80061 <sup>14</sup>	80061 <sup>14</sup>	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.					80061	80061 <sup>14</sup>	80061 <sup>14</sup>	80061 <sup>14</sup>
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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html</a>															

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## EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> 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>.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Screening must be provided at times noted, unless done previously.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> All sexually active patients should be screened for sexually transmitted infections (STI).

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Those at increased risk of HCV infection, including those with past or current injection drug use, should be tested for HCV infection and reassessed annually.