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Lines Of Business Mountain Health Trust

## Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)

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## DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, TERMS

Term	Definition
Bureau for Medical Services (BMS)	BMS is the designated single state agency responsible for the administration of the State of West Virginia's Medicaid program.
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	A federal agency that provides health coverage to more than 100 million people through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplace.
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides low-cost health coverage to children in families that don't qualify for Medicaid due to income.
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code	A medical code set that is used to report medical, surgical, and diagnostic procedures and services to entities such as physicians, health insurance companies and accreditation organizations.
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)	The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid.
Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs)	FQHCs are outpatient clinics that qualify for specific reimbursement systems under Medicare and Medicaid.
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)	A standardized coding system that is used primarily to identify products, supplies, and services not included in CPT codes.
HealthCheck	The name for West Virginia's EPSDT Program.
International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10)	A system used by physicians and other healthcare providers to classify and code all diagnoses, symptoms and procedures recorded in conjunction with hospital care in the United States.
Periodicity	Periodicity refers to the established schedule for periodic medical screening, vision, hearing, and dental services.
Periodicity schedule	A schedule of screenings and assessments recommended at each well-child visit from infancy through adolescence.
Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)	RHCs are rurally located medical clinics providing healthcare services to patients in underserved areas.

# BACKGROUND

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) screening services are regularly scheduled physical and mental health, growth, development, and nutritional status examinations and evaluations of infants, children, and youth. EPSDT screening services target early detection of disease and illness to correct or improve a physical or mental condition and provide referral of members for necessary diagnostic and treatment services.

Examples of EPSDT services:

- Behavioral health screening
- Comprehensive health and developmental history (which includes an assessment of both physical and mental health development)
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam
- Dental services (furnished by direct referral to a dentist for children beginning six [6] months after the first tooth erupts or by twelve [12] months of age)
- Health education and counseling to both parents (or guardians) and children is designed to assist in understanding what to expect in terms of the child's development and provide information about the benefits of healthy lifestyles and practices as well as accident and disease prevention
- Hearing testing
- Immunizations (in accordance with the schedule for pediatric vaccines established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP])
- Laboratory tests (including blood lead screening appropriate for age and risk factors)
- Vision testing

# POLICY

There is no member cost share for EPSDT services.

EPSDT screening services should be provided by a primary care provider (PCP) or practitioner within the scope of their practice, as appropriate for the type of screening, at regular intervals and whenever a problem is suspected.

The recommended periodicity schedule may be accessed at the West Virginia Department of Human Services website at: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/healthcheck/Pages/default.aspx> - Provider Information.

Inter-periodic screenings are covered at any visit outside of the periodicity schedule to determine the existence of a suspected illness or condition, or a change or complication to a pre-existing condition.

THP covers the following services to members receiving EPSDT screening services, if the need for such services is indicated by screening:

1. Diagnosis of, and treatment for, defects in vision and hearing
2. Dental care (at as early an age as necessary) needed for relief of pain and infections,

restoration of teeth, and/or maintenance of dental health

3. Appropriate immunizations

- If it is determined at the time of screening that immunization is needed, and appropriate to provide at that time, then immunization treatment must be provided at the time of screening

Evaluation, diagnosis, and/or treatment may be provided at the time of the EPSDT screening visit, if the practitioner is qualified to provide the service(s). When a screening indicates the need for further evaluation of an individual's health, the PCP shall make a referral to a specialist(s) for evaluation, diagnosis, and/or treatment.

THP will reimburse all follow-up diagnostic and treatment services deemed medically necessary to improve or correct defects, physical, and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening service(s). Medically necessary services must be contained within the categories of mandatory and optional services listed in Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act at [https://www.ssa.gov/OP\\_Home/ssact/title19/1905.htm](https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1905.htm).

All EPSDT screening services must be billed with the age-appropriate evaluation and management (E&M) code and EP modifier appended.

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) medical code

**Examples (not all inclusive):**

CPT/HCPCS	ICD-10
96110	Z00.01
99381 - 99385	Z00.110
99391 - 99395	Z00.111
99461	Z00.121
G0438	Z00.129
G0439	Z00.2
<b>S0302*</b>	Z00.3
	Z02.5
	Z76.1
	Z76.2

\* = List appropriate E&M code when billing this code.

**Coordination of Benefits (COB):**

EPSDT claims do not require primary payer explanation of benefits (EOB)

**Providing services in addition to EPSDT:**

A member may be evaluated and treated for a problem during the same visit as an EPSDT annual exam

or well-child visit. The problem must require an additional, moderate-level evaluation to qualify as a separate service on the same date. The problem-oriented exam may be billed separately and appended with modifier 25 and documented as a separate and distinct service in the member's medical record.

**EPSDT and Members that are Ill:**

If a member is ill on the scheduled EPSDT screening date and all required components are completed and documented, the practitioner must bill the age-appropriate preventive care CPT code.

If a member is ill on the scheduled EPSDT screening date and the practitioner cannot complete all required components, the practitioner must document the treatment provided in the individual's medical record and bill the appropriate E&M CPT code for the service(s) provided.

**Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs)/Rural Health Clinics (RHC):**

EPSDT services will be reimbursed at the contracted encounter rate.

EPSDT services must be billed as a 837 i (institutional) claim with CPT code T1015 (Clinic Visit/ Encounter, All-Inclusive) listed first and all other applicable CPT codes with a zero dollar (\$0), or one cent (\$0.01) if your billing software or clearinghouse cannot accept a zero charge.

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