

# EPSDT

## Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

### What is the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program ?

EPSDT is a FREE health care program for Mississippi's children ages birth through 21 who are eligible for Medicaid. It provides a way for children to get medical exams, check-ups, follow-up treatment, and special care they need to make sure they enjoy the benefits of good health. It is sponsored by the Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid.

### What does an EPSDT examination include?

Your child's EPSDT exam will include:

- A complete physical examination
- Hearing and vision examinations
- Any shots that are needed
- Necessary blood and urine tests
- Blood lead levels
- An examination of your child's development including how he or she behaves, walks, talks, dresses, climbs and eats
- An evaluation of your family's nutritional habits including what foods your child and his or her family eat
- Medical referral or referral to another health care provider if special problems are discovered during the exam



Getting good healthcare for your children should not be a problem... And with the EPSDT Program it's not!

### What other services does EPSDT provide?

EPSDT also provides:

- Preventive/restorative dental care
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Adolescent counseling services
- Additional treatments and services that may be needed (such as additional office visits, prescriptions, and other therapy services)
- Help with transportation and appointments scheduling.

### How often should an examination be done?

Birth to 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, once a year for ages 2 - 21 years

**More information**



## ***Where can an EPSDT examination be performed?***

An EPSDT examination can be performed in an Approved EPSDT Clinic (listed below):

- Local County Health Departments
- Limited School Systems
- Private and Public Provider Clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHC)

## **How can a child receive EPSDT Screen Services through Medicaid?**

If you have questions about EPSDT, or you want to find out if your child is eligible for Medicaid, **call toll-free 1-800-421-2408**, or contact your nearest Medicaid Regional Office listed below:

Brandon 601-825-0477, Brookhaven 601-835-2020, Canton 601-859-3230, Clarksdale 662-627-1493, Cleveland 662-843-7753, Columbia 601-731-2271, Columbus 662-329-2190, Corinth 662-286-8091, Greenville 662-332-9370, Greenwood 662-455-1053, Grenada 662-226-4406, Gulfport, 228-863-3328, Hattiesburg 601-264-5386, Holly Springs 662-252-3439, Jackson 601-961-4361, Kosciusko 662-289-4477, Laurel 601-425-3175, McComb 601-249-2071, Meridian 601-483-9944, Natchez 601-445-4971, New Albany 662-534-0441, Newton 601-635-5205, Pascagoula 228-762-9591, Philadelphia 601-656-3131, Picayune 601-798-0831, Senatobia 662-562-0147, Starkville 662-323-3688, Tupelo 662-844-5304, Vicksburg 601-638-6137, Yazoo City 662-746-2309

### ***What do parents say about the EPSDT Program?***

"I was glad to have a doctor to go to when my daughter, Karen, got hurt. I felt good knowing that her doctor was watching out for her. He gave her a check-up and even gave her the shots she needed to start school, and it was all free."

"It's not easy raising a son alone, but through EPSDT I know he will get the medical attention he needs. That's a big weight off of my shoulders."

"I don't have the money to buy my children everything they want, but now I can give them the health care they need through EPSDT. Since my children have been in the program they have missed less school and have even gotten better grades."

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