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Enrollment

Physicians, physician assistants or nurse practitioners who wish to become EPSDT screening providers must complete the enrollment requirements and must sign an EPSDT specific provider agreement with DOM. If this is the first provider agreement entered into between the provider and DOM, a Medicaid provider number will be issued and a special EPSDT indicator will be added to the new Medicaid provider number. An onsite clinic inspection must be conducted, prior to receiving the EPSDT provider segment. (See Clinic Preparation: On Site).

For current Medicaid providers, a special EPSDT indicator will be added to their existing Medicaid provider number. However, the provider facility on-site review must be approved prior to finalizing the EPSDT provider agreement with the effective begin date as the date the facility on-site review is completed and approved.

Registered Nurses who are employed through the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), who have met the certification requirement, and who meet the established protocols mandated by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Mississippi School Nurse Association, and Mississippi Board of Nursing, may perform EPSDT health assessments following the protocols established by the MSDH. Those nurse-run clinics sponsored by medical practices/hospitals and issued provider numbers prior to 2002 will be recognized as acceptable if they conform to the above. However, after 2002, all established and new nurse-run clinics must adhere to the above-stated policy. This process assures that registered nurses have the educational basis and clinical basis needed to perform health assessments. In addition to the certification requirement, claims submitted for these services must be submitted under the school's provider number and the billing provider must have a letter of referral affiliation on file with the Division of Medicaid.

Medicaid providers who wish to become EPSDT screening providers should contact DOM Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCH) at the following address to obtain EPSDT provider agreements:

Division of Medicaid
Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 801
239 North Lamar Street
Jackson, MS 39201-1399
Phone 1-800-421-2408 ext. 6150 or
Phone 601-359-6150

Clinic Preparation: On-Site

An on-site clinic inspection must be conducted prior to receiving the EPSDT provider segment. An on-site visit is also required if the physical setting is moved to a new location or an additional satellite clinic is opened as a part of the original facility. A separate Medicaid facility number must be obtained for each clinic setting, and an on-site inspection must be conducted by an EPSDT Review Nurse from the MCH Bureau prior to EPSDT screenings and submission of Medicaid claims for screening services.

Equipment and Supplies:

The following list of equipment/supplies must be available in all clinics which offer EPSDT screening services:

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- An acceptable visual screening chart, placed in an area at a distance of twenty (20) feet. (Paper cups are recommended for covering the eyes.)
 - A device for hyperopic screening (plus lens)
 - A tape measure (in centimeters), necessary for measuring hernias, describing lesions and other abnormalities, and for obtaining routine infant measurements
 - Standard weight scales with measuring rod, and infant scales
 - Child and adult size blood pressure cuffs
 - An otoscope
 - Audiometer or audioscope for hearing screens (Yearly calibration certificate required.)
 - Tongue blades
 - Flashlight for viewing the pharynx
 - Penlight for testing for strabismus
 - A small bell to test for infant hearing
 - An ophthalmoscope to check for the red reflex
 - Materials necessary in the documentation of patient records
 - Directions from support physicians or protocols
 - Urine test strips for glucose and protein
 - Necessary lab slips
 - A Hemocue or a centrifuge, set up with capillary tubes, lancets, clay for capillary tubes and charts for reading hematocrits
 - Materials for venipuncture, blood specimens and finger stick lead tests
 - Materials for providing immunizations
 - A stethoscope
 - Growth charts specific for age/sex
 - Materials for establishing an appointment/recall/tracking system

Provider Agreement

The Division of Medicaid enters into an EPSDT provider agreement with Medicaid providers who wish to participate in the EPSDT program. Participation as an EPSDT screening provider is entirely voluntary. A physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner who wishes to become an EPSDT screener must complete all enrollment requirements and sign an EPSDT specific provider agreement with DOM. The provider agrees to abide by all existing laws, regulations, and procedures pursuant to the EPSDT program and Medicaid participation. This includes policies and procedures stated in the EPSDT section of the Medicaid Provider Policy Manual. The agreement may not be transferred or reassigned and may be terminated on thirty (30) days written notice by either the provider or DOM. Changes in ownership or corporate entity must be reported immediately to DOM, and failure to do so may invalidate the agreement.

An EPSDT provider agreement must be on file prior to providing EPSDT services, billing, and being reimbursed by Medicaid for services rendered. An EPSDT provider cannot have a retroactive effective date.