



Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) places a focus on comprehensive and preventive care to manage conditions before they become more complex or costly to treat.¹ The EPSDT benefit focuses on children and individuals under the age of 21 who are also enrolled in Medicaid.

Below are the measures identified as being most frequently tied to the EPSDT benefit. As a result, EPSDT is typically monitored through NCQA HEDIS[®] measures. EPSDT's performance is measured by two separate standards within these measures: participation and screening.

- Annual Dental Visits (ADV)
- Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)
- Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)
- Lead Screening in Children (LSC)
- Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life
- Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC)
- Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

EPSDT Screening Components:

EPSDT covers regular well-child check-ups of physical and mental health, growth, development, and nutritional status for all infants, children, and adolescents. A well-child check-up includes the following:^{1,2,3}

- Comprehensive health and developmental history of both physical and mental health development assessments.
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam.
- Age-appropriate immunizations.
- Vision and hearing tests.
- Oral health assessments (e.g., a dental exam) and referrals when medically indicated in accordance with the state dental periodicity schedule.
- Laboratory tests, including blood lead level assessments at appropriate ages and for suitable risk factors.
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance for child development, health lifestyles, and accident and disease prevention for both the child and caregiver.

1 What You Need to Know About EPSDT. Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center. Updated May 20, 2022. Accessed July 27, 2022. <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/what-you-need-know-about-epsdt>

2 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment. Medicaid.gov. Accessed July 27, 2022. <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/early-and-periodic-screening-diagnostic-and-treatment/index.html>

3 Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment. Health Resources and Services Administration. Accessed July 27, 2022. <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/early-periodic-screening-diagnosis-treatment>



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Preventive medicine service codes include measurements, age, and gender-appropriate examinations and history. Some commonly used codes are listed in the tables below.

Recommended Ages for EPSDT Visits:

Age	Total Number of Visits
Between birth and one year:	6
Birth	1
Two months	1
Four months	1
Six months	1
Nine months	1
One year	1
Between 15 months and four years:	5
15 months	1
18 months	1
Two years	1
Three years	1
Four years	1
Between ages five and 10:	6
One visit per year of age	6
Between ages 11 and 20	10
One visit per year of age	10



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CPT® Preventive Medicine EPSDT Codes:

New Patient CPT Code	Established Patient CPT Code	Age	ICD-10-CM codes
99381	99391	Infant to < 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z00.110 — Health exam under 8 days • Z00.111 — Health exam 8–28 days • Z00.121 — Routine exam with abnormal findings • Z00.129 — Routine exam without abnormal findings
99382	99392	Early Childhood (1–4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z00.121 • Z00.129
99383	99393	Late Childhood (5–11)	
99384	99394	Adolescent (12–17)	
99385	99395	Adult (18+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z00.00 General adult exam without abnormal findings • Z00.01 General adult exam with abnormal findings



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Recommended Ages for Immunizations:

Age	Hep B	Rotavirus	*DTaP	*HiB	*IPV	PCV	Influenza	MMR/ Varicella	Hep A	Flu Shot (annual)	School Shots	**HPV	***TDaP	Meningococcal
Birth (in the hospital)	x 1/3													
2 Months	x 2/3	x 1/3	x 1/4	x 1/4	x 1/3	x 1/4								
4 Months		x 2/3	x 2/4	x 2/4	x 2/3	x 2/4								
6 Months	x 3/3	x 3/3	x 3/4	x 3/4	x 3/3	x 3/4	x							
12 Months			x 4/4	x 4/4		x 4/4		x	x					
15 Months										x				
3 Years										x				
4 Years								x		x	x			
5 Years										x	x			
8 Years										x				
9 Years										x		x		
10 Years										x			x	
11 Years										x				x
12-15 Years										x				
16 Years										x				x
17-20 Years										x				

*These shots are given as a combination so that the patient gets fewer shots per visit, but the same level of protection against illnesses.

**HPV vaccines must be administered six months apart.

***TDaP is a middle school immunization requirement.



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Immunization Administration (IA) Codes:

Pediatric IA codes	Description
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration with counseling; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered.
+90461	Each additional vaccine or toxoid component administered.
90461 and 90460 are reported in conjunction when the patient is 18 years or younger and the physician or other qualified healthcare professional (QHP) performs face-to-face vaccine counseling.	
90471	Immunization administration includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
+90472	Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
90473	Immunization administration (includes intranasal or oral administration); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
+90474	Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
<p>90471 and 90473 are for the first immunization given during a single office visit.</p> <p>Codes 90472 and 90474 are add-on codes to 90460, 90471, and 90473. This means that the provider will use 90472 or 90474 in addition to 90460, 90471, or 90473 if more than 1 vaccine is administered during a visit.</p> <p>There can be only one first administration during a given visit.</p> <p>For single encounters with patients 18 years or younger where a physician or other QHP counsels on only some of the vaccines, report code 90460 and 90461 if applicable. For those not counseled on, defer as appropriate to codes 90472 or 90474.</p>	



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Key EPSDT Procedure codes and Common Pediatric Modifiers:

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CPT code	Description	
92551	Hearing: Screening test, pure tone, air only	25: Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service
92552	Hearing: Pure tone audiometry (threshold), air only	
92567	Hearing: Tympanometry (impedance testing)	
99173	Vision: Screening test of visual acuity quantitative, bilateral	52: Hearing screening test applied to only one ear
96110	Developmental/autism screening	