




Medical Assistance BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule Update		BY  Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

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.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/providers/provider-enrollment-information/provider-enrollment-documents>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers that the *Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix* have been revised in response to vaccine coverage updates.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide EPSDT screens for MA beneficiaries. Providers rendering services in the managed care delivery system should direct 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 a critical opportunity for providers to conduct a comprehensive assessment of a child's health and ensure the provision of all necessary 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 incorporates recommendations from other nationally recognized medical associations, including the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), and the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Fee-for-Service Provider Service Center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:
<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/departments-offices/omap-info>

On May 21, 2025, the Department issued MA Bulletin 99-25-05, titled “Pennsylvania’s Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule”, which provided the updated Pennsylvania’s EPSDT Periodicity Schedule.

Recent changes in federal vaccine policy that are inconsistent with established medical consensus and evidence-based guidance have created confusion and risk undermining decades of public health progress. As a result of these changes at the federal level, Pennsylvania’s Governor, Josh Shapiro, released EO 2025-02 titled, “Protecting Pennsylvanians’ Health and Freedom by Ensuring Access to Safe and Effective Vaccines”, on October 1, 2025. This EO affirms Pennsylvania’s commitment to ensuring all residents have regular, easy access to safe and effective vaccines as well as clear guidance on vaccine recommendations from medical experts. The EO also stated that the Department will take all necessary steps, in accordance with the law, to ensure that the MA Program covers, without cost sharing, all vaccines recommended by AAP, AAFP, ACOG, in addition to those recommend by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). EO 2025-02 is available at: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/governor/documents/Executive%20Order%202025%2002%20Governor%20Shapiro%20Vaccines%20Access.pdf>.

The EO also stated that the Department of Health shall create and manage a Pennsylvania-based program to ensure that children in the Commonwealth eligible for the federally supported Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program retain access to necessary vaccines without cost-sharing, in the event that ACIP removes vaccines for certain diseases from the VFC Program. More information on the VFC Program is available at: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/health/programs/immunizations/vfc-overview>.

In response to the EO, the Department has updated Pennsylvania’s EPSDT periodicity schedule as follows:

Content Update

- The immunization recommendations have been updated to specify that providers should refer to recommended schedules by nationally recognized medical associations such as AAP, AAFP, ACOG, and ACIP.

PROCEDURE:

Effective upon issuance, 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.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/promise/promise-provider-handbooks-guides>.

RESOURCES:

AAP's Preventative Pediatric Health Care Recommendations and Periodicity Schedule
<https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/care-delivery-approaches/periodicity-schedule/>

AAFP's Clinical Recommendations
<https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/clinical-recommendations.html>

ACOG's Clinical Information
<https://www.acog.org/clinical>

USPSTF's Primary Care Practice Recommendations
<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/BrowseRec/Index>

AACAP's Resource Center
https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_Youth/Resource_Centers/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Resource_Centers/Home.aspx?hkey=e10a850f-591a-4a5e-b8ce-fff68fb8e017

ATTACHMENT:

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

**Pennsylvania's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix – December 23, 2025**

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: ^{1, 2, 3}	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 ⁴ / 99463 EP ⁵	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	■ ⁶	● ⁷ —————>												
Newborn Bilirubin	■													
Critical Congenital Heart Defect Screening ⁸	■													
Developmental Surveillance ⁹	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■		■		■	■
Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening ¹⁰	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment														
Maternal Depression Screening ^{10, 11}			96161	96161	96161	96161								
Developmental Screening							96110			96110		96110		
Autism Screening										96110 U1	96110 U1			
Vision ¹¹	Assessed through observation or through health history/physical.													
• Visual acuity screen													99173	99173
• Instrument-based screening ¹²													99174 99177	99174 99177
Hearing ^{11, 13}	■	■ ¹⁴ —————>												
• Audio Screen														
• Pure tone-air only													★	92551 92552
Oral Health ¹⁵						■ ¹⁵	■ ¹⁵	★ ¹⁵		★ ¹⁵	★ ¹⁵	★ ¹⁵	◆ ¹⁶	◆ ¹⁶
• Topical Fluoride Varnish ²⁶						←		● ²⁶ —————>						
Anemia ^{11, 17}														
• Hematocrit (spun)						★ ¹⁸	85013 ¹⁸	85013 ¹⁴	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms.					
• Hemoglobin							85018 ¹⁸	85018 ¹⁴						
Lead ^{11, 17, 19}						★	83655	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴	83655 ¹⁴
Hepatitis B Virus Infection ²⁰	←							★						→
Tuberculin Test ¹¹	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.													
Sickle Cell														
Sexually Transmitted Infections ²¹														
Dyslipidemia ^{11, 17}														
Immunizations ²²	Administer immunizations according to recommended schedules by ACIP and nationally recognized medical associations such as AAP, AAFP, and ACOG. Every visit should be considered an opportunity to bring a child's immunizations up to date.													

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 - December 23, 2025

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: 1, 2, 3	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 9	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening 10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment							96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★	96160 ★
Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Sudden Cardiac Death							←					★				→
Developmental Screening	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms.															
Autism Screening																
Depression Screening 23								96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127	96127
Vision 11																
• Visual acuity screen	99173	99173	★	99173	★	99173	★	99173	★	★	99173	★	★	★	★	★
• Instrument-based screening12	99174 99177	99174 99177		99174 99177		99174 99177		99174 99177								
Hearing 11																
• Audio Screen	92551	92551	★	92551	★	92551	←		92551	→	←	92551	→	←		92551
• Pure tone-air only	92552	92552		92552		92552			92552			92552				
Oral Health 16, 26	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16	◆16
• Topical Fluoride Varnish26	←								●26							→
Anemia 11, 17	If indicated by risk assessment and/or symptoms. See Recommendations to prevent and control iron deficiency in the United States. MMWR. 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 11, 17, 19	8365514	8365514														
Tuberculin Test 11	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.															
Sickle Cell																
Sexually Transmitted Infections 21																
HIV Screening 24							★	★	★	★	■					→
Hepatitis B Virus Infection 20	←								★							→
Hepatitis C Virus Infection 25														★	★	★
Dyslipidemia 11, 17		★		★	80061	8006114	8006114	If indicated by history and/or symptoms.					80061	8006114	8006114	8006114
Immunizations 22	Administer immunizations according to recommended schedules by ACIP and nationally recognized medical associations such as AAP, AAFP, and ACOG. Every visit should be considered an opportunity to bring a child's immunizations up to date.															

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EPSDT Program Periodicity Schedule and Coding Matrix Footnotes

¹ 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 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines, found at: <https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/guidelines-and-pocket-guide/Pages/default.aspx>.

² 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.

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

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

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

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

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

¹⁰ Complete assessment of child social-emotional health. Behavioral/social/emotional screening should be family-centered and may include caregiver depression and anxiety, caregiver substance use disorder, caregiver postpartum follow-up, 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Screening must be provided at times noted, unless done previously.

¹⁵ At 6-8 and 9-11 months, an oral health risk assessment is to be administered and the need for fluoride supplementation assessed. The establishment of a child's dental home for the first dental examination by a dental provider 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.

¹⁶ While referral to a dental home is recommended at the time of eruption of the first tooth and no later than 12 months of age, referral to a dental home indicated by the YD modifier is a required screening element beginning at 3 years of age.

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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 (CDC). Additionally, the AAP recommends risk assessment for anemia at 4 months of age, 15 months of age and then each periodicity thereafter.

¹⁹ Capillary samples may be used for blood lead testing; however, elevated blood lead levels based on capillary samples are presumptive and providers are to follow the [Recommended Schedule for Obtaining a Confirmatory Venous Sample](#) established by the CDC. 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.

²⁰ Risk Assessment is to be completed once before the age of 21, with appropriate action to follow, if positive.

²¹ All sexually active patients should be screened for sexually transmitted infections (STI).

²² Vaccine counseling only visits (except when counseling for the COVID-19 immunization) may not be billed in addition to a complete EPSDT screen. Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance (MA) Program covers all vaccine recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP), AAP, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) as communicated in Governor Shapiro's Executive Order titled, "Protecting Pennsylvanians' Health and Freedom by Ensuring Access to Safe and Effective Vaccines", on October 1, 2025 and as outlined in MA Bulletin 99-25-08 issued December 2, 2025.

²³ Screen adolescents for depression and suicide risk, making every effort to preserve confidentiality of the adolescent.

²⁴ Screen adolescents for HIV at least once between the ages of 15 and 21, making every effort to preserve confidentiality of the adolescent. After initial screening, youth at increased risk of HIV infection should be retested annually or more frequently.

²⁵ 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.

²⁶ Primary care clinicians are recommended to apply fluoride varnish for all infants and children, up to 21 years of age, beginning with the eruption of primary teeth. Consider when systemic fluoride exposure is suboptimal. Fluoride varnish may be applied every 3-6 months in the primary care office and billed using procedure code 99188.