

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



Overview

Well-child visit (Child Health Check-Up Visits) is Florida's name for the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program. This program ensures that infants, children, and adolescents under the age of 21 receive a comprehensive array of prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services that are included within the categories of mandatory and optional services listed in the Social Security Act 1905 (a)



What is EPSDT?

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

Early	Identify and address issues early to prevent further complications.
Periodic	Conduct health checks for children at regular, age-appropriate intervals
Screening	Offer screenings for physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other health aspects to identify potential issues early
Diagnosis	Conduct diagnostic testing and provide follow-up care for children at high risk
Treatment	Manage, address, or mitigate identified health issues



EPSDT Covers

- Regular physical exams
- Growth Measurements
- Immunizations (shots)
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Dental Screenings
- Other important tests and services
- Referral for diagnosis and treatment, if necessary

Screening Services

- Comprehensive health and development
 - Child development
 - Behavioral health screening
- Comprehensive physical exam
- Appropriate immunizations
- Laboratory testing including lead toxicity screening
- Age appropriate health education
 - Healthy lifestyle, including diet and exercise
 - Accident and disease prevention



Vision Services

- Includes diagnosis and treatment for defects in vision, including eyeglasses
- Must be provided according to a distinct periodicity schedule and at other intervals, as medically necessary
- Children and adolescents should receive a vision screening at every well-child check up
- If you suspect a child has a vision problem, the child should receive further evaluation and necessary treatment
 - Visual acuity testing done at ages 3-5
 - Instrument based screening done at ages 12-24 months



Dental Services

Includes relief of pain and infections, restoration of teeth, cleaning, x-rays, and maintenance of dental health

Perform Caries risk Assessment

- 6 month visit

Continue assessment and refer to dentist

- 12 month visit
- 18 month visit
- 24 month visit
- 30 month visit
- 6 year old visit

Hearing Services



Includes diagnostic and treatment for defects in hearing, including hearing aids



Services given at specific intervals following the periodicity schedule



Children and adolescents should receive a hearing screening at every well-child check up



If you suspect a child has a hearing problem, the child should receive further evaluation and necessary treatment

Diagnostic Services

- Must be done when a screening examination indicates the need for further evaluation
- Necessary referrals should be made without delay
- Follow up must be conducted to ensure the child receives a complete diagnostic evaluation

Well-Child Visits (Child Health Check-Up Visits)

- Medical History and Physical Examination: To assess the child's overall health and development
- Vision and Hearing Screening: To identify any issues that may affect learning and development
- Immunizations: To protect against preventable diseases.
- Developmental and Behavioral Assessment: To identify any developmental delays or behavioral concerns
- Oral Health Assessment: Including referral to a dentist for preventive dental care

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