



To: Hoosier Healthwise Medical Providers

Subject: Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

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The federally-mandated EPSDT Program (HealthWatch in Indiana) is an important step toward ensuring that our youngest Medicaid members receive the early detection and treatment they need.

All Medicaid providers are required to provide EPSDT services within the scope of their practice, but knowing how to submit payment for these services in a manner that ensures you will be paid at the higher EPSDT rate may not be clear. Per Appendix A of the *MDwise Provider Manual*, here are a few EPSDT claim filing procedures to remember:

1. You no longer need to bill EPSDT screens on a separate EPSDT claim form.
2. You must furnish all components of the EPSDT screening, document the services performed or referred and include all applicable diagnosis codes (up to 4) and procedure codes for each screening exam.
3. The appropriate examination code must be included on the first detail line of the claim form.
4. The primary diagnosis should be listed as V20.2 (the preventive health diagnosis code).
5. Include the EPSDT reimbursement rate that is appropriate for the type of visit (i.e., initial or established patient exam).

If you are conducting an EPSDT annual exam or well-child service and also evaluate and treat the patient for a problem during the same visit, you can bill the non-EPSDT exam separately. Use a -25 modifier to indicate the separate service.

If you have questions about EPSDT claim filing procedures and reimbursement rates, your MDwise Hoosier Alliance Account Executive would be happy to help you. You can also find additional information at http://www.hoosieralliance.org/pdf/provider/provcom/manual/full_manual.pdf and at http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/media/23429/epsdt_healthwatch.pdf.

We also invite you to visit the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures Web site, <http://brightfutures.aap.org/>. The site offers a variety of child health resources, including practice guidelines and health supervision and nutrition guides.