

EPSDT

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In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Overview

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for children younger than 21 (twenty-one) years who are enrolled in Medicaid, includes preventive and comprehensive health care services, and is designed to guarantee access to age-appropriate screening, preventive care, and treatment for children and adolescents.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

Healthchek is Ohio's early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) benefit for all Medicaid recipients younger than twenty-one years of age. It is made up of the following comprehensive services that are intended to find and prevent health issues:

- Screening services

- Health and developmental history
- Physical and mental health assessment
- Immunization assessments
- Laboratory (including lead) tests
- Nutritional status
- Health education
- A comprehensive unclothed physical exam, when appropriate
- Vision services
- Dental services
- Hearing services
- Other necessary health care services (if coverable under the Federal Medicaid program and are found to be medically necessary to treat, correct, or reduce illnesses and conditions discovered)
- Diagnostic services, if identified by a screening examination
- Treatment for any identified physical and mental illnesses or conditions

Healthchek covers ten check-ups in the first two years of life and annual check-ups thereafter.

The appropriate preventive medicine CPT codes, diagnosis codes, EPSDT referral indicators (if indicated following the preventive visit) and modifiers (if indicated) must be included on the claim. Claims missing this information will be denied.

Diagnosis Codes

- 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
- Z00.00 - routine exam without abnormal findings (Adult 18-20)
- Z00.01 - routine exam with abnormal findings (Adult 18-20)
- Z38.00 - single liveborn infant, delivered vaginally
- Z38.01 - single liveborn infant, delivered by cesarean
- Z38.1 - single liveborn infant, born outside of the hospital
- Z38.3-Z38.8 – multiple births
- Z76.1 - encounter for health supervision and care of foundling
- Z76.2 - encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child

Include additional diagnosis code(s) for any abnormal finding.

CPT Codes

New patient

- 99460 Newborn Care (during admission)
- 99381 Age < 1 years
- 99382 Age 1-4 years
- 99383 Age 5-11 years
- 99384 Age 12-17 years
- 99385 Age 18-20

Established Patient

- 99463 Newborn (same day discharge)
- 99391 Age < 1 years
- 99392 Age 1-4 years

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99393 Age 5-11
99394 Age 12-17
99385 Age 18-20

Modifiers

EP – Complete EPSDT screen
52 – Incomplete screen
90 – Outpatient lab
U1 - Autism

Referral Indicators

YM – Medical Referral
YD – Dental Referral
YV – Vision Referral
YH – Hearing Referral
YB – Behavioral Health Referral
YO – Other Referral

Definitions

Modifier EP

Modifier EP is required for a service provided as part of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) visit.

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. <https://www.amerhealthcaritasoh.com/assets/pdf/provider/resources/healthchek-quick-reference-guide.pdf>
- VI. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-5160-1-14>
- VII. Ohio Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

11/2024	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
08/2023	Removal of policy implemented by AmeriHealth Caritas Ohio from Policy History section
01/2023	Template Revised

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised preamble• Removal of Applicable Claim Types table• Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines• Added Associated Policies section
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