

MEDICAID EPSDT MANDATE SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S COMMUNICATION



The federal Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) mandate ensures coverage for audiology and speech-language pathology services for children who are enrolled in Medicaid.

EPSDT mandates coverage of all medically necessary services a child needs. Here are examples of covered services audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) can provide.

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EARLY – assessing and identifying problems early

Example: Observing parent/child interaction to assess developmental milestones such as first words and sentences.

P

PERIODIC – checking preschool and school age children at regular intervals

Example: Looking for age-appropriate social interaction and meeting developmental norms.

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SCREENING – brief screening test to identify potential problems

Example: hearing and cognitive screenings

D

DIAGNOSTIC – performing testing and evaluation services

Example: comprehensive audiometry (92557), speech-language evaluation (92523), developmental testing (96112)

T

TREATMENT – develop and implement a plan of care or establish a course of treatment

Example: Treatment for delays, impairments, and deficits impacting normal development and function reflected by codes such as 92507 and 92526. This includes additional referral to other professionals as needed.

DID YOU KNOW?

One third of children age 1-6, and more than 40% of school age children and adolescents are covered by Medicaid. The EPSDT mandate helps ensure that children receive all appropriate physical, dental, developmental, and mental health services from prevention to treatment.

For more information, visit www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/medicaid/Medicaid-Toolkit-EPSDT/.