

MEDICAID - CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

PURPOSE

The Child Health Program also referred to as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a comprehensive child health program for all Medicaid eligible children birth through 20 years of age. EPSDT is designed to ensure the availability of, and access to, required health care resources and help parents and guardians to effectively use those resources. Children receive a broad range of primary and preventative health services. Thus, states must cover regular and periodic exams for eligible children and provide any medically necessary services prescribed by the EPSDT screen, including AT devices and services, even if that service is not covered in the state plan for the regular Medicaid program.

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See Appendix B for
Department of Human
Services County Offices.

ELIGIBILITY

- All children ages 0-20 years who are eligible for Medicaid;
- family income cannot exceed 185% of the federal poverty level;
- a resident of Oklahoma and meet citizenship or legal immigration status; and
- individuals may also be eligible if they are on an In-Home Support Waiver, a Home and Community-Based Waiver, or TEFRA.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Training for Consumer
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Case Management

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Daily Living



Speech Communication



Aids for Hearing Impaired



Environmental Adaptations



Mobility/Seating & Positioning

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply for EPSDT under the SoonerCare program at the local DHS office (the same process as applying for Medicaid)
- Apply online at: <http://www.okhca.org/individuals.aspx?id=11698>
- Enrollment assistance is available by calling the SoonerCare helpline or visit the local Community Action Agency.

APPEALS PROCESS

1. The appeals process allows a member to appeal a decision involving medical services, prior authorization for medical services, or discrimination complaints.
2. In order to file an appeal, the member files a LD-1 form within 20 days of the triggering event. The triggering event occurs at the time when the member knew or should have known of such condition or circumstance for appeal. The staff advises the Appellant that if there is a need for assistance in reading or completing the grievance form, arrangements will be made.
3. If the LD-1 form is not received within 20 days of the triggering event or if the form is not completely filled out with all necessary documentation, OHCA sends the Appellant a letter stating the appeal will not be heard.
4. Upon receipt of the member's appeal, a fair hearing before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will be scheduled. The member will be notified in writing of the date and time for this procedure. The member must appear at this hearing. The ALJ's decision may be appealed to the CEO, which is a record review at which the parties do not appear.