

MEDICAID - Child Health Program, cont. . .

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

- SoonerCare payment is payment in full. Providers may not bill both the individual and SoonerCare.
- If approved, choose a Primary Care Physician (PCP) right away and make an appointment for the child. It is important to visit with the PCP, even if the child is not sick, to build a health history and relationship with the child's doctor.
- EPSDT can offer expanded services to children ages 0-20 years that are not available to other Medicaid clients. These EPSDT services can include AT devices and services that have been and continue to be excluded in the state plan for the regular Medicaid program.
- Not all types of AT devices can be purchased under Medicaid. There must be a medical need, which must be clearly demonstrated on a case-by-case basis, for an AT device. "Medically necessary" service means medical, dental, behavioral, rehabilitative or other health care services which are:
 - reasonable and necessary to prevent illness or medical conditions, or provide early screening, interventions, and/or treatment for conditions that cause suffering or pain, cause physical deformity or limitation in function, cause illness or infirmity, endanger life, or worsen a disability;
 - provided at appropriate facilities and at the appropriate levels of care for the treatment of a member's medical conditions;
 - consistent with the diagnosis of the condition;
 - no more intrusive or restrictive than necessary to provide a proper balance of safety, effectiveness, efficiency and independence; and
 - assisting the individual in achieving or maintaining maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the individual, and those functional capacities that are appropriate for individuals of the same age.
- The amount, duration, or scope of services to members may not be denied arbitrarily or reduced solely because of the diagnosis, type of illness, or condition. Appropriate limits may be placed on services based on medical necessity.
- According to OHCA, AT refers to those medically necessary devices used by an individual with a disability to enhance developmental skills, learning, and adaptation to the individual's environment. These devices must be unique, customized or personalized to the specific individual. AT devices include, but are not limited to, cognitive and developmental aids, and alternative augmentative and communication aids.
- Medicaid is the payor of last resort for equipment purchases. If an individual has private health insurance, Medicaid only begins paying after the health insurance stops.
- Schools may be Medicaid providers and receive reimbursement for services that are provided under the IDEA if the school district contracts with OHCA.
- Due to parental income, some children with disabilities may not have been eligible for Medicaid prior to the age of 18, but may become income eligible for Medicaid and could receive services through age 20.
- All DME purchased with Oklahoma Medicaid funds is the property of the OHCA to be used by the member until no longer needed.
- When the SoonerCare member no longer needs the valuable DME they may contact the Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP) so it can be refurbished, repaired if needed, and reassigned to another Oklahoman at no cost. Priority is given to SoonerCare members for the first 60 days. Call OKDMERP staff at 405-523-4810 or go to www.okabletech.okstate.edu for more details.