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0-6 YEARS OLD

Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis Treatment (EPSDT)

When and how often do I need to schedule a screening?

Getting a screening at the right time is the best way to make sure your child continues to be healthy. There is no cost to you for these visits.

Babies need checkups at: **3-5** days BIRTH 4 Toddlers need checkups at: 18 24 30 15 months months months months Young children need checkups at: 3 4 5 6 years vears vears vears

Young adults under 21 years of age need a checkup every year.

What happens after we see the doctor?

After the screening, the provider will help you understand the results. Here are steps that could be taken if the doctor finds a potential problem:

- For vision problems, your child could visit an eye doctor and get glasses.
- For hearing problems, your child could see a specialist and receive hearing aids.
- For problems that may require special attention, the provider will treat the issue. Or, refer your child to a specialist.

Recommended Vaccines for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old



Shaded boxes indicate the vaccine can be given during shown age range. Source: www.cdc.gov.

Are vaccines safe?

Yes. Vaccines are very safe, and are important for children's health. If you have questions about vaccines, please contact us or your healthcare provider.

What is Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis Treatment (EPSDT)?

EPSDT is key to making sure that children and young adults receive preventive, dental, mental health, developmental, and specialty services.

EARLY: Treat problems soon PERIODIC: Set up regular appointments SCREENING: Check for a medical problem DIAGNOSIS: Find a medical problem TREATMENT: Care for a problem

Why are EPSDT screenings important?

Seeing your child's doctor regularly and caring for problems early could:

- Help the doctor get to know your child
- Help your child stay healthy as he or she grows
- Find health problems before they get worse
- Stop health problems that make it hard for your child to learn

How do I start?

Make an appointment with your child's doctor. Contact us to get help with:

- Finding a provider or dentist
- Setting up an appointment
- Arranging transportation
- Answering your questions about screenings
 or vaccines
- Talking with a case manager to help you find and get other services



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