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REMINDER REGARDING EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) coverage entitles Medicaid enrolled infants, children and adolescents to any treatment or procedure that fits within any of the categories of Medicaid-covered services listed in Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act. EPSDT requires all states to provide all medically necessary treatment for correction or amelioration of physical or mental illnesses and conditions to eligible clients, birth through 20 years of age when federal financial participation is available, even if the services are not covered under the Medicaid state plan.

KEY DETAILS

Section 8.2.2.3.7 of the Uniform Managed Care Contract, Section 8.1.24.3 of the STAR Kids Managed Care Contract, and Section 2.6.58.8 of the Full STAR Health Contract, require MCOs to prior authorize and provide all medically necessary services listed in Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act to Members age 20 and younger through the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program in accordance with Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act. Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program services must be provided in accordance with service limitations specified in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Children's Services Handbook, Chapter 2.

The EPSDT coverage requirements include medically necessary orthotics and prosthetics with prior authorization, as required under Section 1396d(r)(5)(of the Social Security Act and Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section and in accordance with the applicable state and federal law and regulation. Orthotic and prosthetic devices including cranial remolding orthoses are available to Medicaid EPSDT – eligible recipients under the age of 21 years when medically necessary and eligible for federal financial participation. Services required by EPSDT, including Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Program services, are not considered Case-by-case Services or Value-added Services.

RESOURCES

Policy or Operational Documents:	Sections 8.1.24.3.4-5 of the STAR Kids Managed Care Contract Section 2.6.7.3 of the Full STAR Health Contract Section 8.2.2.3.7 of the Uniform Managed Care Contract Section 2.6.58.8 of the Full STAR Health Contract Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act Children's Services Handbook, Chapter 2. Section 1396d(r)(5)(of the Social Security Act Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Section
Other:	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Best Practices for Adhering to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Requirements Medicaid.gov Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment EPSDT - A Guide for States: Coverage in the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents

QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Community Provider Performance Manager (provider representative).