Provider Notification

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Updates

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Effective 4/1/2014, several changes were made to the AHCCCS EPSDT policy including:

**New EPSDT Forms**
EPSDT forms have been re-designed to ensure that specific services are provided to the EPSDT population. Formatting changes were made to allow easier identification of field titles and areas that require completion. Changes made are in alignment with the most recent AHCCCS policy change. Providers must include **ALL** fields that are included on each age specific AHCCCS EPSDT form, including the member’s AHCCCS ID. Progress notes are not an acceptable substitute for EPSDT forms. All completed EPSDT forms or EMR substitutions, along with developmental screening forms, when applicable, must be submitted to the health plan after completion of the well child visit. EPSDT Standards and Tracking Forms are available on Mercy Care’s website. They may also be found on the AHCCCS website under the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) Appendix B. If you prefer carbonless copy paper forms, fax the EPSDT Supply Order Form to our Provider Relations department at 860-975-3201.

**Policy Changes**
Effective 8/1/14, a policy change was made and includes the requirement that all primary care providers who care for EPSDT aged members utilize one of the AHCCCS approved developmental screening tools for all members at the 9, 18 and 24 month visits. Use of AHCCCS approved developmental screening tools may be billed separately using CPT code 96110 (Developmental screening, with interpretation and report, per standardized instrument form) for the 9, 18 and 24 month visit when the developmental screening tool is used. To receive the additional developmental screening tool payment, the EP modifier (Service provided as part of a Medicaid early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment [EPSDT] program) must be appended to the CPT code 96110. In order for claims to be eligible for payment of code 96110-EP:

- The claim must for a 9, 18, or 24 month EPSDT visit;
- an AHCCCS approved developmental screening tool must have been completed; and
- the provider must have satisfied the specified training requirements. The attestation for completion of the training requirements is available under Developmental Screening Tool Attestation Form on our website. The provider must fax in their attestation in order to be eligible to bill for this service.

AHCCCS approved developmental screening tools include:
- The Parent’s Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) tool which may be obtained from the PEDStest.com website or the PEDStest Online website. Prior to 8/1/14, The PEDS Tool may continue to be utilized for developmental screening for EPSDT age members admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
Care Unit (NICU) following birth. However, effective 8/1/14, The PEDS Tool is no longer exclusive to only NICU grad members and should be utilized instead at all 9, 18, and 24 month well visits.

- **Ages and Stages Questionnaires™ Third Edition (ASQ)** is a tool which is used to identify developmental delays in the first 5 years of a child’s life. The sooner a delay or disability is identified, the sooner a child can be connected with services and support that make a real difference.

- **Ages and Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)** is a tool which is used to identify developmental delays for social-emotional screening.

- The **Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT)** may be used only as a screening tool by a primary care provider, for members 16-30 months of age, to screen for autism when medically indicated.

Copies of the completed tools must be retained in the medical record and submitted to the health plan with the completed EPSDT Tracking Form.

**Effective 8/1/14**, providers who complete the above requirements will be paid for 96110-EP for all members (not just limited to NICU grads) when an accepted developmental screening tool is used at a 9, 18 or 24 month well visit. Mercy Care will continue to pay 96110-EP to providers who are PEDS trained and providing EPSDT visits to NICU grads through age 8 with DOS prior to 8/1/14.

In addition to the above, PCPs who have completed the AHCCCS required training may be reimbursed for fluoride varnish applications completed at the EPSDT visits for members who are at least six months of age, with at least one tooth eruption. For additional information regarding this, please reference Mercy Care’s provider notification titled **PCP Application of Fluoride Varnish**.