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INFORMATION ABOUT HAWAII'S MEDICAID  
EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT)  
PROGRAM

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program is a federally mandated program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act that provides preventive and comprehensive health services for Medicaid-eligible individuals under age 21. The combination of each element of the program's name makes the program unique:

- Early:** A Child's health is assessed as early as possible in the child's life in order to prevent or find potential diseases and disabilities in their early stages, when they are most effectively treated.
- Periodic:** Assessing a child's health at regularly scheduled intervals to assure that a condition, illness or injury is not incipient or present.
- Screening:** A comprehensive child health assessment to determine if a child has a condition, illness or injury that should be referred for more definitive evaluation and/or treatment.
- Diagnosis:** The definitive evaluation by appropriate medical practitioners to determine the nature, extent or cause of a condition, illness or injury.
- Treatment:** The medical and remedial services permitted under Medicaid and determined medically necessary to correct or ameliorate problems identified during screening or diagnostic procedures.

The scope of required services for the EPSDT Program is broader than for the Medicaid Program in general. Federal requirements imposed by the EPSDT statutory provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA '89) mandate that the State covers all Title XIX services included in Section 1905(a) of the Act if needed to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered as a result of EPSDT screening services.

## II. PURPOSE OF EPSDT

The purpose of the EPSDT Program is to provide Medicaid-eligible infants, children and youth with quality comprehensive health care through primary prevention, early diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of conditions.

## III. PERIODICITY SCHEDULE

### Health Screening Assessments:

**Infancy:** By age 1 month, at 2, 4, 6, 9, and 12 months;  
**Early Childhood:** At 15, 18, and 24 months, and at 3 and 4 years;  
**Late Childhood:** At 5, 6, 8, 10, and 12 years; and  
**Adolescence:** At 14, 16, 18, and 20 years.

### Preventive Dental Services:

Once every six months beginning at age 12 months.

### EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING SERVICES

MEDICAL SCREENS	DENTAL SCREENS
<p><b><u>Infancy:</u></b> By age 1 month, at 2, 4, 6, 9, and 12 months</p> <p><b><u>Early Childhood:</u></b> At 15, 18, and 24 months, and at 3 and 4 years</p> <p><b><u>Late Childhood:</u></b> At 5, 6, 8, 10, and 12 years</p> <p><b><u>Adolescence and Older:</u></b> At 14, 16, 18, and 20 years</p>	<p>Once every six months: Examination Prophylactic treatment (sealing and polishing)</p>

## DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES

COVERED SERVICES	NON PLAN SERVICES
<p>Inpatient, outpatient hospital and clinic services including x-ray and laboratory examinations.</p> <p>Drugs, biological and medical supplies including medical equipment and appliances.</p> <p>Physicians' (including osteopathic) services.</p> <p>Nursing facility services and home health services.</p> <p>Whole blood.</p> <p>Eye examination, refractions and eye glasses.</p> <p>Dental services.</p> <p>Family planning services.</p> <p>Psychiatric/Psychological services.</p> <p>Diagnostic, screening, preventive and rehabilitative services.</p> <p>Prosthetic devices, including hearing aids.</p> <p>Transportation to, from, and between medical facilities, including inter-island or out-of-state air transportation, food, and lodging as necessary.</p> <p>Respiratory care services.</p> <p>Hospice care services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Personal Care</li> <li>* Private duty nursing</li> <li>* Case management</li> <li>* Chiropractor</li>   <li>* When determined medically necessary</li> </ul>