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Dear Provider,

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) service is Medicaid's comprehensive and preventive child health program for individuals under the age of 21. This benefit helps to ensure that children receive timely and appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, and developmental services. To perform EPSDT screenings, providers must complete and sign the MS Division of Medicaid's (Division) EPSDT provider agreement. Prior authorizations for EPSDT screenings are not required for Magnolia Health (Magnolia) participating providers.

Magnolia provides the full range of EPSDT services as defined in, and in accordance with, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid policies and procedures for EPSDT services. Magnolia has adopted along with the Division the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures periodicity schedule for pediatric preventative care and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended immunization schedule. For a comprehensive list of required EPSDT services, please see Mississippi Administrative Code Title 23: Part 223, Rule 1.5.

All components of the EPSDT screening must be clearly documented in the provider's medical record for each member. Documentation requirements for EPSDT screenings should include at a minimum, documentation of the specific age appropriate screening requirements including the date the test or procedure was performed, the results of tests or procedures, or an explanation of the clinical decision to not perform a test or procedure. A full list of the documentation requirements is attached and may be found in the Mississippi Administrative Code Title 23: part 223, Rule 1.6.

For any questions about EPSDT screenings, please contact us at 1-866-912-6285. Additional information is available at https://medicaid.ms.gov and https://medicaid.gov websites.

Respectfully,

Magnolia Health

