
CHAPTER 5: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

SECTION 5.1: COVERED SERVICES

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Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and the KIDMED Program

Medicaid recipients under 21 years of age are entitled to receive **all medically necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment and other measures covered by Medicaid to correct or improve physical or mental conditions**. Services may include those not covered by Medicaid for recipients over the age of 21.

Medicaid recipients are eligible for checkups which are referred to as "EPSDT screens". KIDMED is the **screening component** of Louisiana Medicaid's EPSDT program.

EPSDT screens include the following:

- A health history,
- Physical exam,
- Immunizations,
- Laboratory tests (including lead blood level assessment),
- Vision and hearing checks, and
- Referrals for dental services.

The services are available both on a regular basis, and whenever additional health treatment or services are needed. EPSDT screens may identify problems needing other health treatment or additional services.

EPSDT screening program information, publications, forms and resources necessary for participation can be found on the KIDMED website along with the KIDMED provider toll-free telephone number. The KIDMED contractor is available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (See Appendix A for web address)

For further information regarding the KIDMED program, refer to the KIDMED Provider Manual. (See Appendix A for information on obtaining other provider manual chapters)