



AAICAMA FAQs Series

Medicaid and Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

8. Question: What is EPSDT?

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) is one of the **mandatory services of the Medicaid program**. All states must provide EPSDT services to individuals under the age of 21 if the service is deemed 'medically necessary' for the child to receive—even when the service is not in the state's Medicaid State Plan. States must also make necessary exceptions to across-the board limits in amount, duration, and scope of services. This obligation is limited to mandatory and optional services potentially covered by the federal Medicaid program.

Note: The Medicaid program is administered by a federal agency, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in partnership with the states. Information on the EPSDT program can be found on the CMS website at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidEarlyPeriodicScrn/>.

Information includes the following regarding the EPSDT program: *Overview, EPSDT Benefits, and State Agency Responsibilities*.

Cite: 42 U.S.C. §§1396d (a)(4)(B) and (r); 42 CFR 441 Subpart B.

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C.F.R. refers to the Code of Federal Regulations