

## Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment Foster Child Information Sheet

*HRSA and the Children's Administration track medical services provided to children in foster care. When you use the correct codes and modifiers, this assists you in obtaining the maximum reimbursement and assists DSHS in providing accurate reports to the federal government, Washington State Legislature, and other interested parties.*

### **How do I know if a child is in foster care?**

Look for a "D," "F," or "R" in the "Other" column of the Medical ID Card. These letters indicate that the child is in foster care.

### **What are children in foster care required to receive?**

- A complete EPSDT exam within 30 days of entering foster or relative care
- On-going EPSDT exams according to the recommended periodicity schedule
  - ✓ **1 exam to occur within 30 days of placement**
  - ✓ 5 exams within the first year of life
  - ✓ 3 exams between 1 and 2 years of life
  - ✓ Annual exams between 3 and 20 years of life

Medicaid will pay for children in foster care to receive an EPSDT exam when they enter foster care or whenever they are moved to a new foster home – even if they already had an EPSDT exam prior to entering foster care or within the recommended periodicity schedule.

### **How do I bill for a foster care EPSDT exam?**

HRSA pays providers an enhanced fee of \$120 or more for every EPSDT correctly and appropriately billed for children in foster care.

The enhanced rate is only paid when your billing contains all three items below:

- CPT code 99381 – 99385 or 99391 – 99395
- Modifier "TJ" (*use this code for visits occurring after 1/1/09*)
- Your usual and customary fee charged for services

Documentation of the exam must be kept in the child's medical record. A copy of the exam from should be given to the child's caregiver or person accompanying the child to the appointment. Providers may use the appropriate, age specific DSHS "Well Child Examination" form (DSHS 13-683 through 13-686). These forms are available on-line at: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms/html>. (*Providers may use other charting tools that contain equivalent information but the DSHS form is preferred.*)

### **Who do I call if I have questions?**

The Foster Care Medicaid Team at HRSA authorizes medical eligibility for children in foster care. You may contact them at 1-800-547-3109 or contact HRSA Provider Relations at 1-800-562-3022 or go to <http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/hraprovider.htm>.