



Subject: EPSDT Updates

Scope: Unison MedPlus

Effective immediately the following updates have been implemented regarding EPSDT services:

- Addition of newborn metabolic and hemoglobinopathy screenings, performed according to State law, as a required component of the periodic screen for newborns;
- Addition of periodic screens at 30 months, seven years and nine years of age;
- Addition of developmental surveillance as a required component of all periodic screens, newborn through 20 years of age, except where structured developmental screenings are required;
- Addition of a structured developmental screening as a required component of the periodic screen at nine to 11 months, 18 months and 30 months of age;
- Addition of anemia screening as a required component of the periodic screen at 12 months of age, unless performed at an earlier periodic screen;
- Addition of a structured screen for Autism Spectrum Disorders as a required component of the periodic screens at 18 months and 24 months of age;
- Addition of the dental risk assessments or referral to a dental home as a required component of the periodic screens at 12 months, 18 months, 24 months and 30 months of age;*
- Addition of referral to a dental home as a required component of every periodic screen, beginning at 3 years of age;*
- Removal of urinalysis testing as a required component of the periodic screen at five years of age. If the provider determines a need for this screen at any periodic screen, the provider should order the test as a laboratory or diagnostic procedure;

- Addition of dyslipidemia screening as a required component of the periodic screen at 18 years of age or, if not performed then, dyslipidemia screening is a required component of the periodic screen at 19 or 20 years of age;
- Addition of psychosocial and behavioral assessment as a required component of all periodic screens, newborn through 20 years of age;
- Addition of alcohol and drug use risk assessment as a required component of every periodic screen beginning with the screen at 11 years of age;

* Providers making a dental referral are to utilize the YD modifier in field 10D of the claim form. Unison's Special Needs Unit will utilize this indicator to outreach to the member in order to coordinate dental care.

**Should you have any questions, please contact Provider Services at
1-800-600-9007.**

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