



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF  
**MEDICAID**

Mississippi Medicaid  
Provider Reference Guide

For Part 223

EPSDT

*This is a companion document to the  
Mississippi Administrative Code Title 23  
and must be utilized as a reference only.*

If the EPSDT provider's records do not substantiate services paid under the Mississippi Medicaid program, as previously noted, the provider will be asked to refund to the Mississippi Medicaid program any money received from the program for such non-substantiated services.

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## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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### PERINATAL HIGH RISK MANAGEMENT/INFANT SERVICES SYSTEM

The Perinatal High Risk Management/Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS) program is a multidisciplinary case management program established to improve access to health care and to provide enhanced services to certain Medicaid eligible pregnant/postpartum women and infants. The enhanced services for this target population are case management, psychosocial and nutritional assessment/counseling, home visits, and health education. Participating providers must employ or have access to an interdisciplinary team that consists of the following:

- Mississippi licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife or registered nurse,
- Mississippi licensed social worker,
- Mississippi licensed nutritionist or registered dietitian.

### EXPANDED SERVICES (EPSDT)

The EPSDT Program was defined by law as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA 89) legislation and includes periodic screening, vision, dental and hearing services. These services were expanded in section 1905(r)(5) of the Social Security Act to require that any medically necessary health care service listed in section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act be provided to an EPSDT beneficiary even if the service is not available under the State Plan.

Expanded EPSDT services are any medical services for children from birth up to age 21 (eligible through the last day of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday month only) that fall outside of the regular services covered by the Division of Medicaid and are deemed medically necessary.

For dates of service beginning **April 1, 2014**, all prior authorization requests for additional office visits must be submitted at least **two (2) business days** in advance of the service or submitted to the appropriate UM/QIO for review within **120 calendar days** of the service date. All requests outside of this time frame will be cancelled.

Expanded EPSDT services include any necessary Medicaid reimbursable health care to correct or ameliorate illnesses and conditions found on screening. Services not covered, or exceeding the limits set forth in the Mississippi State Plan, must be prior authorized by a Utilization Management/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO), the Division of Medicaid or designated entity to ensure medical necessity. Expanded services are available to children from birth to up to 21 years of age. Eligibility extends through the last day of the child's 21<sup>st</sup> birth month only. Mississippi Medicaid provides coverage for the following services as outlined in the

State Plan. EPSDT beneficiaries may receive services in excess of those allowed in the State Plan, as required by the Act when such services are used to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the State Plan.

## **SCHOOL SERVICES**

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This expanded EPSDT health-related services program serves children with disabilities or special needs as defined in IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and identified through the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or the IFSP (Individualized Family Services Plan) and who are Medicaid eligible.

## **EARLY INTERVENTION/TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT**

Early Intervention/Targeted Case Management (EI/TCM) is an active ongoing process that involves activities carried out by a case manager to assist and enable a child enrolled and participating in a Mississippi Early Intervention Program to gain access to needed medical, social, educational and other services. Service coordination assists the child and child's family, as it relates to the child's needs, from the notice of referral through the initial development of the child's needs identified on the Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) for infants and toddlers from birth to age three (3).

## **VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC)**

The Vaccines for Children program was established to help increase the number of immunized Medicaid eligible, uninsured, and underinsured children from birth to age 18. Vaccines are provided at no cost to participating health care providers. Refer to Miss. Admin. Code Part 224.