

		<b>Reimbursement Policy</b>
<b>Subject: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)</b>		
Effective Date: <b>05/01/20</b>	Committee Approval Obtained: <b>12/21/18</b>	Section: <b>Prevention</b>
<p>***** The most current version of our reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <a href="https://providers.amerigroup.com/DC">https://providers.amerigroup.com/DC</a>. *****</p>		
<p>These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member's Amerigroup District of Columbia, Inc. benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member's benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member's District of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to both participating and nonparticipating providers and facilities.</p> <p>If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Amerigroup may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reject or deny the claim.</li> <li>• Recover and/or recoup claim payment.</li> </ul> <p>Amerigroup reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, District, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Amerigroup strives to minimize these variations.</p> <p>Amerigroup reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to this site.</p>		
<b>Policy</b>	<p>Amerigroup allows reimbursement of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Program services unless provider, District, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise. Reimbursement is based on the applicable fee schedule or contracted/negotiated rate.</p> <p>The following EPSDT component services are included in the reimbursement of the preventive medicine Evaluation and Management (E&amp;M) visit unless they are appended with Modifier 25</p>	

to indicate a significant, separately identifiable E&M service by the same physician on the same date of service:

- Comprehensive health history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical examination
- Developmental screening using a standardized screening tool
- Health education
- Nutritional assessment

The following component services are separately reimbursable from the preventive medicine E&M visit:

- Hearing screening with or without the use of an audiometer or other electronic device
- Dental screening
- Vision screening
- Immunization and administration
- Laboratory tests:
  - Newborn metabolic screening test
  - Tuberculosis test
  - Hematocrit and hemoglobin tests
  - Lead toxicity screening
  - Cholesterol test
  - Pap smear for sexually active members
  - Sexually transmitted disease screening for sexually active members
  - Urinalysis

Providers should follow periodicity guidelines established by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If a provider performs EPSDT services in conjunction with a sick visit, all services are subject to our Preventive Medicine and Sick Visits on Same Day policy.

#### **Claims Requirements**

Provider claims for EPSDT services should include all of the following items:

- EPSDT Special Program Indicator
- EPSDT Referral Indicator Codes (aka Referral Condition Codes) if applicable
- Appropriate diagnosis code(s)
- Appropriate HCPCS code identifying the completed EPSDT service (list in addition to code for appropriate E&M service)
- Appropriate E&M codes for new or established members
- Appropriate procedure code for the component services
- Modifier TS and other applicable modifier(s)

	<p><b>Note:</b> Use Modifier TS to denote screening or assessment is positive and requires follow-up or a referral.</p>
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biennial review approved <b>12/21/18</b> and effective <b>05/01/20</b>: Policy language updated</li> <li>• Initial review approval <b>07/19/17</b> and effective date <b>10/01/17</b></li> </ul>
<b>References and Research Materials</b>	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS</li> <li>• DC Department of Health Care Finance policies</li> <li>• Amerigroup contract with the DC Department of Health Care Finance</li> <li>• American Academy of Pediatrics</li> <li>• Centers for Disease Control</li> </ul>
<b>Definitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Reimbursement Policy Definitions</b></li> </ul>
<b>Related Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modifier 25: Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service</li> <li>• Modifier Usage</li> <li>• Preventive Medicine and Sick Visits on the Same Day</li> <li>• Vaccines for Children Program</li> </ul>
<b>Related Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDI Claims Companion Guide for Professional Services</li> </ul>