

PROVIDER Bulletin



KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens

Dear Provider,

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program provides comprehensive health care for Medicaid eligible clients under the age of 21. As of 2023, California refers to EPSDT as Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens. The patient's primary care provider (PCP) conducts medical, vision, hearing and dental screenings based on the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Periodicity (BF/APP) Schedule.

The patient may be referred to another health care provider for specialty care or further evaluation. If diagnosis and treatment are indicated and/or if your patient is having problems navigating the health care systems, you or the patient's family, can refer the patient for care coordination services.

The Kern Health Systems (KHS) Care Coordinator offers assistance in locating appropriate resources, transportation, language interpretation, and assisting in arranging support services. The KHS Care Coordinator will continue to follow-up with the needs of the patient until all needs are addressed.

If you would like to refer a patient, please call us at 661-664-5099 or complete the referral form and fax to 661-617-2741. If you have any other questions regarding EPSDT services, call 661-664-5099. Thank you for providing the care you have given to KHS Members. We appreciate your continued support and advocacy.

The [EPSTD Referral Form](#) is included with this bulletin and is also accessible on the KHS website. The form can be found under [Manuals and Forms](#) or under [EPSTD/Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens](#).

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Sincerely,

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Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)

Care Management/Care Coordination Referral Form

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit provides comprehensive and medically necessary services needed to correct and ameliorate health conditions for children under age 21. EPSDT includes periodic screening, vision, dental and hearing services.

When diagnostic and/or treatment services are indicated, as a result of a screening, the primary care physician (PCP) can refer the patient to Kern Health Systems (KHS) for care coordination. The KHS Care Coordinator offers assistance if the patient is having problems navigating the health care system. The KHS Care Coordinator helps with transportation, locates appropriate resources, and assists in arranging support services.

Please complete the information below for KHS Care Coordination services and send to 661-617-2741.

Patient's Information

Patient's Name:	KHS MEM #:	CIN #:	Date of Birth:
Name of Parent/Guardian:	Primary Language:		
Address:	Telephone #:		

Screening Provider

Provider's Name:	Telephone #:
Clinic Name:	Address:

Information on EPSDT

When was the EPSDT completed?	
Name of Specialist that the member is being referred to:	Address of Provider:
Specialist's Phone Number:	☐ Scheduled Appointment: ☐ To Be Determined