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About this guide[1]

This publication takes effect **January 1, 2021**, and supersedes earlier guides to this program. Unless otherwise specified, the program in this guide is governed by the rules found in Chapter 182-534 WAC.

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> Washington Apple Health means the public health insurance programs for eligible Washington residents. Washington Apple Health is the name used in Washington State for Medicaid, the children's health insurance program (CHIP), and state-only funded health care programs. Washington Apple Health is administered by the Washington State Health Care Authority.

Refer also to the ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide for valuable information to help you conduct business with HCA.

How can I get HCA Apple Health provider documents?

To access provider alerts, go to HCA's Provider Alerts webpage.

To access provider documents, go to HCA's provider billing guides and fee schedules webpage.

Where can I download HCA forms?

To download an HCA form, see HCA's Billers and provider's webpage, and select Forms & Publications webpage. Type the HCA form number into the Search box as shown below (Example 13-835).

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What has changed?

Subject	Change	Reason for Change
Integrated managed care (IMC)	Removed language "living in IMC regions"	All regions are now integrated managed care.
Sensory screening – vision testing	Removed "using procedure code 99173."	Along with CPT® 99173, CPT® codes 99174 and 99177 are now available without prior authorization (PA) and will be paid at the published rate.
Fluoride varnish	Changed language regarding who can be billed for fluoride varnish. Those enrolled in an HCA-contracted MCO but not eligible for ABCD services may receive fluoride varnish but HCA must be billed directly, not the MCO. Use CPT® code 99188 with modifier KZ.	To align with existing MCO contract guidelines; this change is effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Subject	Change	Reason for Change
Recommended screening tools-Developmental screens	Updated tables. Removed description of multiple languages available as there is a column for other languages. Moved "Developmental Screens" to beginning of table. Moved "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," "Brief Infant Toddler Assessment" and "Early Childhood Screening Assessment" to newly titled table "General Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessments."	To align with American Academy of Pediatrics screening tools and Bright Futures pediatric screening.
Recommended screening tools-Autism	Changed title of "Autism and Social Emotional" to just "Autism." Moved "Beck Youth Inventory and Behavior Assessment Scale for Children" to "General Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessments table." Removed "Brief Infant-Toddler Social and Emotional Assessment" and "Early Childhood Screening Assessment." Updated recommended age range for "Australian Scale for Asperger Syndrome." Removed language from "Autism Spectrum Quotient" and added link.	To align with American Academy of Pediatrics screening tools and Bright Futures pediatric screening. Removed assessments were redundant and listed in other tables.

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Recommended screening tools – General Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessments	Updated recommended age range for "Ages and Stages Questionnaire" and added CPT® code 96127. Updated recommended age range for "Brief Infant Toddler." Added CPT® code 96127 to "Early Childhood Assessment." Updated recommended age range for "Strengths and Difficulties." Updated recommended age range for "Survey of Wellbeing" and added CPT® code 96127.	To align with American Academy of Pediatrics screening tools and Bright Futures pediatric screening. CPT® code 96127 is part of existing fee schedule. The tools best align with CPT® code 96127 for brief emotional/behavioral assessment rather than CPT® code 96110 for developmental screening.
Recommended screening tools – Depression	Updated recommended age range for "Patient Health Questionnaire."	To align with American Academy of Pediatrics screening tools and Bright Futures pediatric screening.
Recommended screening tools – Maternal Mood Disorders	Added CPT® code 96161, removed CPT® code 96160.	To align with American Academy of Pediatrics screening tools and Bright Futures pediatric screening. CPT® code 96161 is already a part of the fee schedule. When these tools are used to screen for maternal/caregiver depression, they best align with CPT® code 96161 for caregiver-focused health risk assessment instrument rather than CPT® code 96160 for patient-focused health risk assessment instrument.

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Topic	Resource
Obtaining prior authorization or a limitation extension	For prior authorization or limitation extension, providers may submit prior authorization requests online through direct data entry into ProviderOne. See HCA's **prior authorization webpage** for details. Providers may also fax requests to 866-668-1214 along with the following: • A completed, typed *General Information for Authorization form*, HCA 13-835. This request form must be the initial page when you submit your request. • A completed *Fax/Written Request Basic Information* form, HCA 13-756, all documentation listed on this form, and any other medical justification. See **Where can I download HCA forms?**

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Program Overview

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a federally mandated preventive health care benefit. The purpose of this program is to periodically screen clients age 20 and younger to detect physical and behavioral health problems. If a problem or potential problem is identified, the client should receive appropriate treatment. Medically necessary treatment identified in the EPSDT well-child checkup is covered under the EPSDT benefit.

Who can provide EPSDT well-child checkups?

- Physicians and resident physicians
- Naturopathic physicians
- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs)
- Physician Assistants (PAs)
- Registered nurses working under the guidance of a physician or ARNP may also perform EPSDT well-child checkups. (Only physicians, PAs, and ARNPs can diagnose and treat problems found in a screening.)

Is transportation to and from EPSDT well-child checkups available?

Yes. Apple Health covers non-emergency medical transportation for eligible clients to and from covered services, including well-child checkups, through contracted brokers when eligibility requirements are met. For more information, see HCA's **Transportation services (non-emergency) webpage**.

Pediatric primary care rate increase

A primary care provider rate increase is available for vaccine administration and certain pediatric care services for clients age 18 and younger.

Physician and nonphysician practitioners are eligible for the increase.

See the **Pediatric primary care rate increase website** for more information. To view the Enhanced pediatric fee schedule, see HCA's **Physician-Related/Professional Services Billing Guides and Fee Schedules webpage**.

Providers serving clients covered by an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO) should contact the individual MCO for rate information.

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Client Eligibility

Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO). This means that Apple Health pays a monthly premium to an MCO for providing preventative, primary, specialty, and other health services to Apple Health clients. Clients in managed care must see only providers who are in their MCO's provider network, unless prior authorized or to treat urgent or emergent care. See the HCA's Apple Health managed care page for further details.

It is important to always check a client's eligibility prior to providing any services because it affects who will pay for the services.

How do I verify a client's eligibility?

Check the client's Services Card or follow the two-step process below to verify that a client has Apple Health coverage for the date of service and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service HCA will not pay for.

Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

Step 1. **Verify the patient's eligibility for Apple Health**. For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide.

If the patient is eligible for Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.

Step 2. **Verify service coverage under the Apple Health client's benefit package.** To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Apple Health client's benefit package, see HCA's Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Services webpage.

Note: Patients who are not Apple Health clients may submit an application for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

- By visiting the Washington Healthplanfinder's website at: www.wahealthplanfinder.org
- By calling the Customer Support Center toll-free at: 855-WAFINDER (855-923-4633) or 855-627-9604 (TTY)
- By mailing the application to:

  Washington Healthplanfinder
  PO Box 946
  Olympia, WA 98507

In-person application assistance is also available. To get information about in-person application assistance available in their area, people may visit the Washington Healthplanfinder's website or call the Customer Support Center.

> **Note**: Refer clients to the Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) if they are age 20 and younger and their benefit package does not cover EPSDT. This application process will evaluate these clients for a possible change in their benefit package to include EPSDT. Take Charge is an example of a benefit package that does not cover EPSDT services.

Who is eligible for EPSDT well-child checkups?

HCA pays Washington Apple Health providers to perform EPSDT well-child checkups of clients who are:

- Age 20 and younger.
- On a benefit package that covers EPSDT.

What if an infant has not yet been assigned a ProviderOne Client ID?

Newborns: If a child is younger than age 60 days and has not been issued a ProviderOne Client ID, use the mother's ProviderOne Client ID and put **SCI=B** in the claim notes field. Put the child's name, gender, and birth date in the client information fields.

Twins/Triplets: When using mom's ProviderOne Client ID for twins, triplets, etc., identify each infant separately using a separate claim for each. For example, the first infant would be "SCI=BA," the second infant would be "SCI=BB," and the third infant would be "SCI=BC."

> **Note**: For parents enrolled in an HCA-contracted MCO, the MCO is responsible for providing medical coverage for the clients' newborns.

Are managed care clients eligible for EPSDT well-child checkups?

Yes. If the client is enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO), ProviderOne will display managed care enrollment on the client benefit inquiry screen. All services must be requested directly through the client's Primary Care Provider (PCP). Clients can contact their MCO by calling the telephone number provided to them.

Children enrolled in HCA-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs) have coverage for EPSDT well-child check-ups as follows:

- Ages 0 through 6, as described in the Apple Health FFS **Periodicity Schedule**
- Ages 7 through 20, one per calendar year

MCOs also offer limitation extensions for well-child checkups with prior authorization for children who need more frequent exams based on medical necessity.

All medical services covered under an HCA-contracted MCO must be obtained by the client through the client's MCO provider network. The MCO is responsible for the:

- Payment of covered services.
- Payment of services referred by a participating provider to an outside provider.

> **Note:** To prevent denied claims, check the client's eligibility both before scheduling services and at the time of the service. Also make sure proper authorization or referral is obtained from the MCO. See HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide for instructions on how to verify a client's eligibility.

For clients enrolled in an MCO, do not bill HCA for EPSDT services, as they are included in the HCA-contracted MCO's reimbursement rate.

Managed care enrollment

Apple Health (Medicaid) places clients into an HCA-contracted MCO the same month they are determined eligible for managed care as a new or renewing client. This eliminates a person being placed temporarily in FFS while they are waiting to be enrolled in an MCO or reconnected with a prior MCO. This enrollment policy also applies to clients in FFS who have a change in the program for which they are eligible. However, some clients may still start their first month of eligibility in the FFS program because their qualification for MC enrollment is not established until the month following their Medicaid eligibility determination.

New clients are those initially applying for benefits or those with changes in their existing eligibility program that consequently make them eligible for Apple Health managed care. Renewing clients are those who have been enrolled with an MCO but have had a break in enrollment and have subsequently renewed their eligibility.

Checking eligibility

- Providers must check eligibility and know when a client is enrolled and with which MCO. For help with enrolling, clients can refer to the **Washington Healthplanfinder's Get Help Enrolling page.**
- MCOs have retroactive authorization and notification policies in place. The provider must know the MCO's requirements and be compliant with the MCO's policies.

Clients have a variety of options to change their plan:

- **Available to clients with a Washington Healthplanfinder account:** Go to **Washington HealthPlanFinder website.**

- **Available to all Apple Health clients**:
  - Visit the **ProviderOne Client Portal website.**
  - Call Apple Health Customer Service at 1-800-562-3022. The automated system is available 24/7.
  - Request a change online at **ProviderOne Contact Us** (this will generate an email to Apple Health Customer Service). Select the topic "Enroll/Change Health Plans."

  For online information, direct clients to HCA's **Apple Health managed care webpage.**

Clients who are not enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care plan for physical health services

Some Medicaid clients do not meet he qualifications for managed care enrollment. These clients are eligible for services under the FFS Medicaid program. In this situation, each Integrated Managed Care (IMC) plan will have Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) plans available for Apple Health clients who are not in managed care. Clients who are not enrolled in an HCA-contracted managed care plan are automatically enrolled in a BHSO, with the exception of American Indian/Alaska Native clients. Some examples of populations that may be exempt from enrolling into a managed care plan are Medicare dual-eligible, American Indian/Alaska Native, Adoption support and Foster Care alumni.

Integrated managed care (IMC)

Clients qualified for managed care enrollment will receive all physical health services, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment through their HCA-contracted MCO.

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) clients have the following two options for Apple Health coverage:

- Apple Health managed care
- Apple Health coverage without a managed care plan (also referred to as fee-for-service [FFS])

If a client does not choose an MCO, they will be automatically enrolled into Apple Health FFS for all their health care services, including comprehensive behavioral health services. See HCA's **American Indian/Alaska Native webpage.**For more information about the services available under the FFS program, see HCA's **Mental Health Services Billing Guide** and the **Substance Use Disorder Billing Guide**.

For full details on integrated managed care, see **HCA's Apple Health managed care webpage** and scroll down to *Changes to Apple Health managed care*.

Integrated Apple Health Foster Care (AHFC)

Children and young adults in the Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs who are enrolled in Coordinated Care of Washington's (CCW) Apple Health Foster Care program receive both medical and behavioral health services from CCW.

Clients under this program are:

- Under the age of 21 who are in foster care (out of home placement)
- Under the age of 21 who are receiving adoption support
- Age 18-21 years old in extended foster care
- Age 18 to 26 years old who aged out of foster care on or after their 18th birthday (alumni)

These clients are identified in ProviderOne as **"Coordinated Care Healthy Options Foster Care."**

The Apple Health Customer Services staff can answer general questions about this program. For specific questions about Adoption Support, Foster Care or Alumni clients, contact HCA's Foster Care Medical Team at 1-800-562-3022, Ext. 15480.

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Fee-for-Service Apple Health Foster Care

Children and young adults in the fee-for-service Apple Health Foster Care, Adoption Support and Alumni programs receive behavioral health services through the regional Behavioral Health Services Organization (BHSO). For details, see HCA's **Mental Health Services Billing Guide**, under *How do providers identify the correct payer*?

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EPSDT Well-Child Checkups

What is an EPSDT well-child checkup?

EPSDT requires a periodic well-child checkup with the client's primary care provider (PCP). The recommended frequency of visits as a child grows is shown on the **Periodicity Schedule.**

Each well-child checkup consists of the following elements, though how the element is completed depends on the age of the child:

- Initial/interval health history and a family health history
- Measurements – age appropriate growth including length/height and weight and blood pressure
- Sensory screening – vision and hearing*
- Developmental/behavioral health screening*
- Physical exam
- Procedures, including immunizations and laboratory tests*
- Oral health and fluoride varnish*
- Anticipatory guidance

* These components have add-on codes that may be billed in addition to the EPSDT evaluation and management (E&M) codes when appropriate. See information about each component and the available add-on codes in the descriptions listed below this section. See **What are the billing requirements specific to EPSDT** for more information about billing the EPSDT E&M codes.

The EPSDT well-child checkup schedule includes:

- 5 checkups between birth and one year
- 3 checkups between one and three years
- One checkup each year between three and six years
- One checkup every other year for ages seven through 20 years

See the **Periodicity Schedule** for more information.

Children in foster care may receive additional EPSDT well-child checkups. See **EPSDT and Foster Care** for more information.

Providers must document in the client's medical record that each required element/component of the well-child checkup has been done at the visit and what the findings were.

Elements of EPSDT well-child checkup

1. **Initial/Interval health history and a family health history**

   It is the responsibility of each provider to obtain both a comprehensive client and family medical history as part of the initial well-child visit. The history should be updated at each subsequent well-child visit.

2. **Measurements**

   - **Height/length must be measured at every well-child checkup**

     Infants and small children should be measured in the recumbent position, and older children standing erect. The height should be recorded and charted on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) growth chart or other standard growth chart in the child's medical record.

     Further study or referral is indicated for a child who has deviated from the usual percentile rank (determined by comparison with graphed previous measurements), or for a child whose single measurement exceeds two standard deviations from the norm for that age (beyond the 97th or below the 3rd percentile).

   - **Weight must be measured at every well-child checkup**

     Infants should be weighed with no clothes on, small children with just underwear and older children and adolescents with ordinary house clothes (no jackets or sweaters) and no shoes. The weight should be recorded and charted on a CDC growth chart or other standard growth chart in the child's medical record. The child's weight percentile should also be entered in the child's medical record.

     Further investigation or referral is indicated for a child who has deviated from the usual percentile rank (determined by comparison with graphed previous measurements), or in a child whose single measurement exceeds two standard deviations from the norm for that age (beyond the 97th percentile or below the 3rd percentile).

   - **Head circumference should be measured at every well-child checkup on infants and children up to the age of two years**

     Further investigation or referral is indicated for the same situations described in height and weight, and findings should be recorded in the child's medical record. Microcephaly and macrocephaly in newborns are abnormalities not related to nutrition and need investigation or referral for evaluation. Growth in head circumference in infants is closely related to nutritional status.

- **Blood Pressure**

  Blood pressure must be measured at every well-child checkup for all children age 3 years and older, using an appropriate-sized cuff. Findings should be recorded. For younger children, measure blood pressure if risk factors are identified.

3. Sensory Screening

(See **Billing** section for information about additional payment for certain screening tests.)

- **Vision Testing**

  For children birth to age 3 years, eye evaluations should include:
  - Ocular history
  - Vision assessment
  - External inspection of the eyes and lids
  - Ocular motility
  - Pupil examination
  - Red reflex examination

  For children age 3 years and older, eye evaluations should include:
  - Criteria listed above for children birth to age 3 years
  - Age-appropriate visual acuity measurement (use of Snellen chart or similar can be billed in addition to the EPSDT E&M codes)
  - Attempt at ophthalmoscopy record. If not done before hospital discharge, it should be done before 3 months of age.

- **Hearing Screening**

  Hearing screenings must be administered to every child age 4 years and older. Audiometric testing may be billed in addition to the EPSDT E&M codes using procedure codes 92551 and 92552.

4. Developmental/Behavioral health screening

- **Developmental surveillance**

  Developmental surveillance includes information provided by the caregiver about how the child is growing and reaching developmental milestones as well as by observations of the child during the visit. Children with abnormal behavior or who miss developmental milestones must be identified as early as possible. Questions must be included in the initial and interval history so parents and caregivers can voice concerns that relate to behavior and social activity as well as development.

- **Developmental screening**

  The completion of a structured developmental screen is required for ages 9 through 11 months, 18 months, and 30 months. Use procedure code 96110 to report the completion of this screen.

- **Autism screening**

  A structured autism screen is required at ages 18 months and 24 months. For information on validating screening tools, see the Developmental and Behavioral Health Screening section.

- **Depression screening**

  HCA covers one structured depression screening every year for children age 12 and older. If more frequent screening is needed, providers can submit a limitation extension (LE) request to HCA. See What is a Limitation Extension (LE).

- **Caregiver/Maternal depression screening**

  Caregiver/Maternal depression screening is required at well-child checkups for caregivers/mothers of infants to age 6 months. Use procedure code 96161 with EPA #870001424 for billing fee-for-service (FFS) claims.

- **General behavioral health screening tools**

  The table of Recommended Behavioral Health Screenings during a Well-Child Exam contains child-youth behavioral health screening tools that providers are strongly encouraged to use during visits.

- **Tobacco, alcohol and drug screening**

  See the Developmental and Behavioral Health Screening section for additional information about requirements and resources for structured screening for developmental delays, autism spectrum disorder, depression and substance use.

5. **Physical Exam**
   At each visit, an age-appropriate physical examination is required with infants totally unclothed and older children undressed and appropriately draped. All findings must be documented in the medical record.

6. **Procedures**

   - **Anemia Screening**

     Initial measurement of hemoglobin or hematocrit is recommended between ages 9 and 11 months, and required by the 12-month screen if not previously done. After this, a hematocrit should only be performed if indicated by a risk assessment and/or symptoms. All premature or low-birth weight infants should have hemoglobin or hematocrit done on their

first well-visit and then repeated according to the Periodicity Schedule. The results of the test should be entered in the child's medical record.

- **Lead Screening**

  Blood lead testing results are a notifiable condition in Washington State. ALL lead test results must be sent to the Department of Health (DOH) according to WAC 246-101. See the federal mandate for further information.

  Blood lead testing must be done at ages 12 and 24 months. There are two methods for blood lead testing: venus and capillary (results must be confirmed by an additional test). Any child between 24 and 72 months with no record of a previous blood lead test must receive one. A risk assessment or screening should be performed at every visit as appropriate.

  Note: Completion of a risk assessment questionnaire does not meet the Medicaid requirement for blood lead testing. The Medicaid requirement is met only when the blood lead tests (or a catch-up blood lead test) are conducted.

- **Tuberculin (TB) Test**

  The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that a child at high risk for TB exposure should be tested for tuberculosis annually. The following list includes indicators that a child is at high risk for TB exposure:

  - Has a family member or close contact with active TB disease
  - Has a family member with a positive TB skin test
  - Was born in a high-risk country (all except US, Canada, Western European countries, Australia and New Zealand)
  - Has traveled to a high-risk country and had contact with resident population for more than one week.

  Children with no risk factors who live in areas where TB is not common do not need TB tests. Children whose risk is uncertain may be tested at ages 1, 4, or 6 months and at ages 11 through 16 years. Children infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) should have annual TB testing.

- **Dyslipidemia Screening**

  Dyslipidemia (cholesterol) screening is a required component once between ages 9 and 11 years and again between ages 17 and 20 years. Refer to guidelines of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute found on their Integrated Guidelines for Cardiovascular Health and Risk Reduction in Children and Adolescents webpage.

- **Sexually transmitted infections**
  According to current recommendations, screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) is indicated for sexually active adolescents.

- **HIV**

  Screen for HIV at least once between ages 15 and 18 years. Youth at increased risk of HIV infection, including those who are sexually active, use injection drug, or are being tested for other STIs, should be tested for HIV and be assessed annually.

- **Immunizations**

  Administer immunizations according to the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommended Immunization Schedule, including "catch-up" schedules for clients who are missing any routine vaccinations for their age. Immunizations should be brought up to date at well-child checkups and during any other visits the child makes to the health care provider.

  Apple Health covers all childhood vaccines on the CDC ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule, including those specifically required for school attendance. All routine and recommended vaccines with specific medical indications are covered.

  The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) provides free vaccines for Apple Health clients 18 years of age and younger. Refer to the **Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedule** to identify the covered vaccines. When state-supplied vaccines are available, HCA pays only for the administration of the vaccine. For more information on the DOH program, including how providers can enroll, see DOH's **Childhood Vaccine Program webpage**.

  If state-supplied vaccines are available from DOH that meet the immunization needs of Apple Health clients, providers will be reimbursed only for the administration of the vaccines.

  For clients age 19 and 20 years who are eligible for EPSDT who have not completed all their routine childhood immunizations, providers should bring the immunizations up-to-date using vaccines purchased by the provider or refer the client to a participating pharmacy.

  If an Apple Health client will be traveling outside the United States, only the routine childhood vaccines are covered. Apple Health does not cover vaccines recommended or required for the sole purpose of international travel according to **WAC 182-531-0150**.

7. **Oral Health**
   Oral health is critically important to overall health and well-being. All Apple Health clients should have a dental home or primary dental provider. Eligible clients may go to a dental provider for routine preventive care or for restorative care without a referral from the PCP. See HCA's **Dental-Related Services Billing Guide.**

   Eligible clients may also go to an orthodontic provider without an EPSDT screen or referral. HCA pays for orthodontics for children with cleft lip or palates or severe handicapping malocclusions. HCA reviews all requests for orthodontic treatment or orthodontic-related services for clients who are eligible for services under the EPSDT program (WAC 182-534-0100). See HCA's **Orthodontic Services Billing Guide.**

   Oral health requires ongoing supervision from health care providers. At each well-child checkup the provider should do an oral assessment noting the number and location of teeth erupted, visible cavities and other symptoms. If the child does not have a dental home, the PCP should provide a referral. If the child is enrolled with managed care and does not have an established dental home, refer the client to the MCO.

   Oral health assessment and education, includes:

   - How to clean teeth as they erupt.
   - How to prevent early childhood caries.
   - How to recognize dental disease.
   - How dental disease is contracted.
   - Importance of preventive sealant.
   - Application of fluoride varnish, when appropriate.

   - **Fluoride varnish**
     Once teeth are present, fluoride varnish may be applied by qualified health care professional to all children. See the limits for fluoride varnish application in the Topical fluoride treatment section of HCA's **Dental-Related Services Billing Guide.** When fluoride varnish is applied during an EPSDT well-child checkup, additional payment is available by billing procedure code 99188 with modifier DA for eligible ABCD clients.

   Clients who are enrolled in an HCA-contracted MCO, but not eligible for ABCD services, may receive fluoride varnish. Effective for dates of service January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, do not bill the client's MCO. Bill HCA directly for this service using CPT® code 99188 with modifier KZ.

8. **Anticipatory Guidance**
   Timely, appropriate and relevant information on child and adolescent health and development provides clients, parents and caregivers with specific advice and guidance as children grow and mature. At each visit, pertinent information should be discussed and made available in written form to clients and their families.

What are the time limits for scheduling requests for EPSDT well-child checkups?

Requests for EPSDT well-child checkups must be scheduled within the following time limits:

For EPSDT well-child checkup requested through:	Client:	Schedule within:
HCA's managed care organizations (MCOs), primary care case management (PCCM) organization, or primary care providers (PCPs)	Infants under age two	21 days of request
An MCO, PCCM or PCP	Children age two and older	Six weeks of request
An MCO, PCCM or PCP	Children receiving foster care (upon placement)	30 days of the request, or sooner for children age 2 and younger
Community Mental Health Center, Head Start, substance use provider, or Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)	People age 20 and younger	14 days of the request

Providers must ensure that when medically necessary services are identified during an EPSDT well-child check, appropriate treatment or referrals are made.

What if a problem is identified during an EPSDT well-child checkup?

When a health, developmental, or behavioral problem is identified during a screening examination, the provider may:

- Provide the service for the client (if the service is within the provider's scope of practice). If the provider chooses to treat the medical condition on the same day as the well-child checkup, the provider must bill the treatment or appropriate level E&M code with modifier 25 to receive additional reimbursement for the office visit. Providers must bill using the appropriate ICD diagnosis code that describes the condition found. **To ensure accurate payment, bill the treatment codes and the EPSDT well-child checkup codes on separate claim forms.**
- Refer the client to an appropriate HCA provider or to the client's HCA-contracted managed care organization (MCO), if applicable, for further evaluation or medical treatment.

HCA's standard for coverage is that the services, treatment, or other measures must be:

- Medically necessary
- Safe and effective
- Not experimental

When a noncovered service is recommended based on an EPSDT well-child checkup, HCA evaluates the request for medical necessity based on the definition in WAC **WAC 182-500-0070** and the process in **WAC 182-501-0165**. To request a noncovered service, send a completed *Fax/Written Request Basic Information* form, HCA 13-756, to the address or fax listed on the form. See **Where can I download HCA forms**? For authorization of services beyond the designated benefit limit allowed, a provider may request a limitation extension (LE). See **What is a limitation extension (LE)**?

Provider must complete referrals for additional diagnostic services and treatment of identified problems. See the appropriate billing guide for specific information.

Common referrals include:

- Audiology. See the Audiology section in the **Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services Billing Guide**.
- Chiropractic services for children. See the **Chiropractic Services Billing Guide.**
- Dental services. See the **Dental-Related Services Billing Guide.**
- Genetic counseling and genetic testing. See the *Medical genetics and genetic counseling services* section in the **Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services Billing Guide**.
- Medical nutrition therapy. See the **Medical Nutrition Therapy Billing Guide.**
- Mental and behavioral health services, including developmental pediatricians, autism screening, etc. See the **Mental Health Services Billing Guide.**

- Neurodevelopmental centers. See the **Neurodevelopmental Centers Billing Guide.**
- Outpatient rehabilitation such as speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. See the **Outpatient Rehabilitation Billing Guide.**
- Optometry or ophthalmology. See the *Ophthalmology – vision care services* section in the **Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services Billing Guide** and the **Vision Hardware Program Billing Guide.**
- Substance use disorder. See the **Substance Use Disorder Billing Guide**.

What is the Periodicity Schedule?

The **Periodicity Schedule** provides information about HCA's expectations for conducting EPSDT well-child checkups and the schedule for performing the different components and screenings for each child. The footnote references and recommendations are based on the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics **Recommendations for Preventative Pediatric Health Care.**

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EPSDT and Foster Care

What do I need to know about EPSDT for children in foster care?

The majority of children in foster care are covered by Coordinated Care of Washington (CCW). Contact CCW directly at 1-844-354-9876 for any questions about services to meet the health care needs for managed care clients in foster care.

For children in foster care who are fee-for-service (FFS) clients, this section explains the benefits for these children and how to bill for the services.

To be sure the medical, dental and mental health needs of foster children are promptly addressed, HCA allows more extensive EPSDT benefits. HCA pays providers an enhanced rate for providing well-child care for foster children and the children are allowed more frequent checkups compared to other Apple Health clients.

The elements of an EPSDT well-child checkup are the same for all children. They include:

- Initial/interval health history and a family health history
- Measurements – age appropriate growth including length/height and weight and blood pressure
- Sensory screening – vision and hearing*
- Developmental/behavioral health screening*
- Physical exam
- Procedures, including immunizations and laboratory tests*
- Oral health and fluoride varnish*
- Anticipatory guidance

*These components have add-on codes that may be billed in addition to the EPSDT evaluation and management (E&M) codes when appropriate. See information about each component and the available add-on codes in the descriptions listed below this section. See **What are the billing requirements specific to EPSDT** for more information about billing the EPSDT E&M codes.

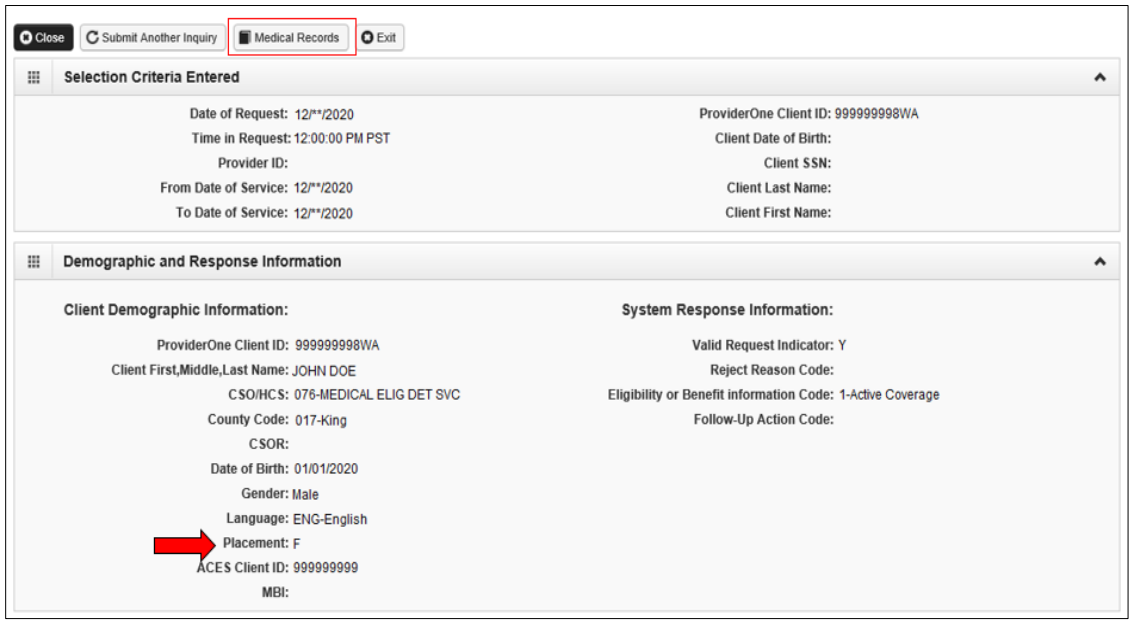
See **What is an EPSDT well-child checkup** for more information.

How often can a child in foster care have an EPSDT well-child checkup?

HCA allows EPSDT well-child checkups for foster care clients **without regard to the Periodicity Schedule** by billing procedure codes 99381-99385 and 99391-99395 with a TJ modifier.

How can I identify a child in foster care placement?

The following is a screen-shot from ProviderOne. The placement code (indicated by the red arrow) may allow a provider billing certain E&M codes to receive an enhanced rate for the service.



If the client's ProviderOne eligibility inquiry screen indicates a child is associated with one of the foster care placement codes listed in the table below, the provider must use the TJ modifier along with the appropriate procedure code(s) to be paid an enhanced rate for EPSDT well-child checkups.

Placement Code	Description
A	Adoption Support Services
F	Foster Care Placement
H	Foster Care HB2530
P	Interstate Compact in Placement of Children's Service
R	Relative Foster Care Placement
T	Tribal Foster Care Placement

How do I bill EPSDT well-child checkups to receive the enhanced rate?

Bill EPSDT well-child checkups for children in foster care by billing procedure codes 99381-99385 and 99391-99395 with a TJ modifier. EPSDT well-child checkups for foster care children are not limited. They may be provided without regard to the Periodicity Schedule.

What is an initial health evaluation (IHE) and how is it billed?

When a child age 17 and younger enters out-of-home placement, HCA pays for an initial health evaluation (IHE) which must be scheduled within 72 hours by the foster parent or social worker. The IHE aims to identify:

- Immediate medical, mental health, or dental needs of the child.
- Additional health conditions that the foster parent and social worker need to know.
- The IHE is not intended to be as comprehensive as an EPSDT well-child checkup. If an IHE is provided:
- Bill the appropriate evaluation and management (E&M) code (new patient codes 99201 – 99205 or established patient codes 99211–99215).
- Use ICD diagnosis code Z01.89 (encounter for other specified special examinations) as the primary diagnosis.
- Use modifier TJ.

What is included in an IHE?

See the Foster Care Initial Health Screen form, HCA 13-843 (see Where can I download HCA forms) and the AAP Healthy Foster Care America Health Information Form for information on what should be included in the IHE.

Can I bill for both an EPSDT well-child checkup and an IHE?

HCA does not pay for an IHE with the same date of service as an EPSDT examination. The child will not require an IHE if an EPSDT well-child checkup is performed.

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Developmental and Behavioral Health Screening

Is developmental screening part of the EPSDT well-child checkup process?

Yes. Developmental screening is done using standardized screening tools which may include caregiver interview and observation. Use procedure code 96110, two units per billing claim, with a limit of 5 times from birth to age 3.

Refer to the recommended screening tools for examples of available standardized tools. To be reimbursed, the name of the screening tool and the score must be included in the documentation.

Is behavioral health screening part of the EPSDT well-child checkup process?

> **Note:** Eligible clients may receive a mental health or substance use assessment without an EPSDT well-child checkup or referral.

Yes. Behavioral health screenings must be done using standardized screening tools or through an interview. See EPSDT mental health/substance use assessment referral indicators for a list of behaviors that may indicate mental health problems.

All children age 12 and older must be screened for depression. Use procedure code 96127 or 96160, with up to two units per billing claim line.

Caregivers of infants age six months and younger must be screened for depression. Use procedure code 96161 under the infant's ProviderOne client ID. When billing procedure code 96161 for a fee-for-service (FFS) client, use EPA # 870001424.

> **Note:** The expedited prior authorization (EPA) process is designed to eliminate the need for written/fax authorization. The intent is to establish authorization criteria and identify these criteria with specific codes, enabling the provider to use HCA's designated "EPA" number when appropriate. The billing provider must document how EPA criteria were met in the client's file and make this information available to HCA or HCA's designee upon request. See HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide for information about entering EPA numbers on claims.

The **table of recommended screening tools** contains a list of recommended child-youth behavioral health screening tools that providers are strongly encouraged to use during visits. If the screening tool indicates further treatment is needed, providers should give treatment and/or make a referral to a behavioral health provider for further assessment and treatment recommendations.

Screening guidelines

Mental health and substance use screenings are intended to identify children who are at risk for, or may have, mental health or substance use problems. Screenings do not result in a diagnosis. If a screen indicates a possible problem, the child is referred for an assessment where a diagnosis and plan of care are developed.

When child abuse or neglect is suspected, a report to Child Protective Services 1-866-363-4276 must be made, even if the child is also referred for a mental health assessment.

If an eligible client is suspected or identified through the EPSDT well-child checkup as experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder, providers may refer the client to a mental health or substance use provider and assist the client/family in making appointments and obtaining necessary treatment. This referral must be made within two weeks from the date the problem is identified, unless the problem is urgent. If the problem is urgent, a referral must be made immediately. The referring provider must follow-up to ensure the assessment was completed.

Document the need for the service in the client's records. The diagnosing or treating mental health or substance use provider should communicate the results of the referral back to the primary care provider.

Urgent referrals

Some behaviors, symptoms, and risk factors may signal that a child is in crisis. In these cases the referral process must be accelerated so that the child may be assessed and treated promptly. An immediate referral must be made by telephone to the behavioral health agency whenever the child exhibits any of the following:

- Fire-setting
- Suicidal behavior or suicidal ideation
- Self-destructive behavior
- Torturing animals
- Destroying property
- Substance use, either in conjunction with other mental health concerns or if the child is age 11 and younger.
- Moderate or severe substance use with or without co-occurring mental health concerns
- Sexual acting out
- Witnessing a death or other substantial physical violence

- Experiencing sexual or physical abuse
- Out of touch with reality, delusional (psychotic decompensation)
- Imminent risk of placement in a more restrictive setting

The crisis response system should be used only if the child is a danger to himself/herself or others.

Non-urgent referral

When screening for behavioral health risk factors, use professional judgment when deciding to refer the client for further assessment of other issues, such as:

- Family issues
- Problematic peer activities
- School issues
- Somatic symptoms
- Abnormal behaviors
- Unusual feelings and thoughts
- Unusual growth and development
- Social situation problems

Children may also be referred for a behavioral health assessment at a parent's request. Make a referral if the child or parent sees the behavior or symptom as problematic, even if the issues seem minor or within normal range to you. Parents' and teachers' perceptions have shown to be the best predictors of behavioral health problems.

How are substance use screening and treatment provided?

Screening and brief intervention may be provided in the following ways:

- **Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**

A comprehensive, evidence-based, public health practice designed to identify people who are at risk for or have some level of substance use disorder which can lead to illness, injury, or other long-term morbidity or mortality. SBIRT services are provided in a wide variety of medical and community healthcare settings. Any provider who has completed the SBIRT training and provides a brief intervention or a brief intervention and referral may seek reimbursement for these services using procedure code 99408 for intervention that is less than 30 minutes. See HCA's Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide for more details.

- **Washington Recovery Help Line**

The Washington Recovery Help Line is the consolidated help line for substance use, problem gambling, and mental health. The help line provides anonymous and confidential crisis intervention and referral services for Washington State residents. Professionally trained volunteers and staff are available to provide emotional support 24 hours a day, and offer local substance use services. To refer people experiencing substance use disorder, call the 24-hour Washington Recovery Help Line at 800-789-1511.

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Recommended screening tools

This table lists more common child-youth screening tools, identified in the 2016 Children's Mental Health Work Group Final Report and Recommendations to the legislature. Cultural assessment of the screening tools was not completed. The table identifies tools available in different languages. Results of the screening tools should be documented in the medical record.

Developmental Screens

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) – Third Edition	Helps parents provide information about the developmental status of their young child across five developmental areas: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social.	0-5 years	X				No	Yes
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)	An evidence-based method for detecting and addressing developmental and behavioral problems in children.	0-8 years	X				No	Yes
Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children (SWYC) – Developmental Milestones	10-item parent questionnaire about childhood developmental milestones.	0-5 years	X				Yes	Yes

Autism

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Australian Scale for Asperger Syndrome (ASAS)	Designed to identify behaviors and abilities indicative of Asperger's Syndrome in children during their primary school years.	6-12 years	X				Yes	No
Autism Spectrum Quotient (AQ) for Adolescents	A caregiver questionnaire for assessing the severity of autism spectrum symptoms in adolescents,	12-15 years	X				Yes	Yes

General Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessments

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional (ASQ-SE)	Parent-completed tool with a deep, exclusive focus on children's social and emotional development.	0-5 years		X			No	Yes
Beck Youth Inventory – Second Edition BYI-II	Evaluates children and adolescents' emotional and social impairment.	7-18 years		X			Yes	Yes

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Behavior Assessment Scale for Children – 2nd Edition (BASC-2)	Brief, targeted forms and software for monitoring changes in behavior or emotional status.	2-21 years		X			No	Yes
Brief Infant-Toddler Social and Emotional Assessment (BITSEA)	Designed to assess the social emotional problems and competencies of children	1-3 years		X			No	Yes
Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA)	A screening tool to facilitate primary care pediatrician's identification of young children who need further assessment of their emotional and behavioral development.	1.5-5 years		X			Yes	Yes
Global Appraisal of Individual Needs – short screener (GAIN-SS)	Caregiver or self-report general functioning scale with internalizing, externalizing, and substance use indicators.	Adolescence		X			Yes	Yes

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-17 **and** 35**)**	General parent-report mental health questionnaire designed for primary care settings, subscales available for internalizing, externalizing and attention problems.	4-16 years		X			Yes	Yes
Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)	General caregiver or youth self-report on emotional, conduct, hyperactivity, and peer problems as well as prosocial scale.	2-17 years – administered; 8-17 years – Self-report		X			Yes	Yes
Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children (SWYC)-Behavior	Parent questionnaire about childhood social/emotional development.	0-5 years		X			Yes	Yes

ADHD

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (BRIEF)	An assessment of executive function behaviors at home and at school for children and adolescents.	5-18 years		X			No	No
Conners Rating Scale	A parent-report measure that assesses children's problem behaviors, particularly symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and related disorders (including oppositional defiant disorder and conduct disorder).	6 – 18 years - Administered. 8 – 18 years - Self-Reported.		X			Yes	Yes
Swanson, Nolan and Pelham Teacher and Parent Rating Scale (SNAP-IV)	The SNAP-IV is a 90-item tool, originally devised to screen for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), but can yield more general information.	6-18 years		X			Yes	Yes

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Vanderbilt ADHD rating scales	A psychological assessment tool for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms and their effects on behavior and academic performance.	6-12 years		X			Yes	Yes

Anxiety

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD 7)	A self-reported questionnaire for screening and severity measuring of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD).	13-17 years		X	X		Yes	Yes
Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders (SCARED)	A self or parent-report screening questionnaire for different anxiety disorders.	8-18 years		X	X		Yes	Yes

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Spence Children's Anxiety Scale (SCAS)	A self-report screening questionnaire for anxiety disorders.	8-12 years self-report 2.5-6.5 year parent report		X	X		Yes	Yes

Depression

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale (CES-DC)	The Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale for Children (CES-DC) is a 20-item self-report depression inventory with possible scores ranging from 0 to 60.	Adolescence		X	X		Yes	No
Kutcher Adolescent Depression Scale (KADS)	A psychological self-rating scale developed to assess the level of depression in adolescents	12-17 years		X	X		No	No

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2, PHQ-9, or PHQ-A)	Self-administered tools for assessing depression. PHQ-2 is a two-question pre-screener validated for adults. PHQ-9 is validated for adolescent use, multiple languages. PHQ-A is a modification targeted at adolescents.	13 years and older		X	X		Yes	Yes
Mood and Feelings Questionnaire (MFQ)	Self-report depressive symptoms screen.	8-16 years		X	X		Yes	No

Eating Disorders

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Eating Attitudes Test (EAT-26)	A self-report measure of symptoms and concerns characteristic of eating disorders.	9-21 years			X		Yes	Yes

Substance Use Disorders

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
CAGE	The **CAGE questionnaire**, the name of which is an acronym of its four questions, is a widely used screening test for problem drinking and potential alcohol problems.	Adolescence			X		Yes	No
CRAFFT Screening Interview	A behavioral health-screening tool to screen adolescents for high-risk alcohol and other drug use disorders.	21 years and under			X		Yes	No

Trauma Reaction (PTSD)

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Child and Adolescent Trauma Screen (CATS)	Caregiver questionnaire of child traumatic event exposure and trauma reaction symptoms.	7-17 years		X			Yes	Yes

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Trauma Screening Questionnaire (TSQ)	The Trauma Screening Questionnaire (TSQ) is a 10-item self-report screen which can be used to assist in the identification of children at risk of developing PTSD. The questions are designed to assess traumatic stress reactions in children following a potentially traumatic event.	7-16 years		X			Yes	Yes
SCARED Trauma Stress Disorder Scale	Brief 4 item self-report screening questionnaire of PTSD symptoms	7-19 years		X			Yes	Yes

Maternal Mood Disorders

Instrument	Description	Recommended Age Range	96110	96127	96160	96161	Free	Other Languages
Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2, PHQ-9**, or** PHQ-A	Self-administered tools for assessing depression. PHQ-2 is a two-question pre-screener validated for adults. PHQ-9 is validated for adolescent use, multiple languages. PHQ-A is a modification targeted at adolescents.	PHQ-A (Adolescent) 13 – 17 years PHQ-2 or PHQ-9 (Adult) 18 – 64 years (Elderly) 65 years and up				X	Yes	Yes
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)	Developed to assist primary care health professionals to detect whether mothers are suffering from postnatal depression.					X	Yes	Yes

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EPSDT mental health/substance use assessment referral indicators

Category	Indicators for a Mental Health Assessment	
Family	problems separating	Parent experiencing substance use disorder
	physical abuse or neglect	parental discord
	psychological abuse	few social ties
	sexual abuse	problems with siblings
	domestic violence	death of parent/sibling
	divorce/separation	parent in criminal justice system
	chronic physical or mental illness of parent	
Peer activity	no confidence	fighting and bullying
	social isolation	
Behaviors	temper tantrums	over activity
	fire setting	in trouble with law
	stealing	impulsive
	tics	attachment problems in infants
	sexually acting out	overly compliant to passive
	lying	defiant
	substance use	running away
	destroys property	truancy
	aggressive	
Schools	school failure	absenteeism and truancy
	school refusal	

Category	Indicators for a Mental Health Assessment	
Feelings	anxiety or nervousness	fearful
	feeling depressed	suicidal
	low self-esteem	
Thoughts	delusions	incoherence
	hallucinations	self-destructive thoughts
Somatic symptoms	trouble sleeping	enuresis
	sleepwalking	encopresis
	night terrors	eating disorder
Social	lack of housing	sexual abuse
	frequent moves	foster care
	financial problems	history of detention
Growth and Developments	slow weight gain	language delay
	nonorganic failure to thrive	attention problems
	mentally retarded	speech problems
	learning disabilities	

Derived from a Word Health Organization, primary care child oriented classification system. Haeres, S.M., Leaf, P.J., Leventhal, J.M., Forsyth, B. and Speechley, K.N. (1992), Identification and management of psychosocial and developmental problems in community-based. Primary care pediatric practices. Pediatrics, 89(3), 480 - 485.

The indicators listed above may be elicited from caregivers and children through interviews described in professional references (e.g., American Academy of Pediatrics: Guidelines for Child Health Supervision; and the Region X Nursing Network: Prenatal and Child Health Screening and Assessment Manual). It may be appropriate to interview the child separate from the caregiver beginning at age eight years.

Screening infants and toddlers for mental health problems is an emerging science. Based on professional judgment, referral is appropriate when there are concerns that a family and social environment do not support the infant's mental wellness.

Children with behaviors not listed on the checklist should also be referred for mental health services, if the parent desires. It is important to remember that if the child or parent sees the behavior or symptom as problematic, make a referral, even if the issues seem minor or within normal range to you. Parents' and teachers' perceptions have been shown to be the best predictors of mental health problems.

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Immunizations

Immunizations covered by the EPSDT program are listed in the Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedule. For vaccines that are available at no cost from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Universal Vaccine Distribution program and the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for children age 18 and younger, HCA pays only for the administrative cost of the vaccine and not for the vaccines themselves. These vaccines are identified in the Comments column of the Fee Schedule as free from DOH. For more information on the VFC program, see the VFC webpageI

How do I bill for vaccines for clients age 19 and 20?

- Bill HCA for the cost of the vaccine itself by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given. DO NOT use modifier SL with any of the vaccines for clients age 19 and 20, regardless of whether or not the vaccine is available for free from DOH. HCA pays for the vaccine using the maximum allowable fee schedule.
- Bill for the administration of the vaccine using procedure codes 90471 (first vaccine) and 90472 (additional vaccine). Providers must bill procedure codes 90471 and 90472 on the same claim as the procedure code for the vaccine.
- See the Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedule for vaccine codes.

What vaccines are free from the Department of Health (DOH) for clients age 18 and younger?

No-cost immunizations from DOH are available for clients age 18 and younger. See the Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedule for a list of immunizations that are free from DOH. Therefore, HCA pays only for administering the vaccine.

- In a nonfacility setting:
    - Bill for the vaccine by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given with modifier SL (e.g. 90707 SL). HCA pays for the administrative cost for those vaccines that are free from DOH and are billed with modifier SL (e.g., 90707 SL).
    - DO NOT bill procedure codes 90460-90461 or 90471-90472 for the administration.
- To bill for the administration of vaccines in an outpatient hospital or hospital-based clinic setting, use:
    - An electronic institutional claim
    - Procedure codes 90471-90472
    - The hospital's outpatient provider NPI number

- To bill for a vaccine in an outpatient hospital or hospital-based clinic setting, use:
  - An electronic institutional claim
  - An appropriate procedure code
  - The hospital's outpatient provider NPI number
- If a vaccine is available free from DOH (see the **Professional Administered Drug Fee Schedule**), then HCA will:
  - Deny the vaccine claim line.
  - Combine vaccine payment with the payment for the administration of the vaccine.

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General Authorization

Authorization is HCA's approval for certain medical services, equipment, or supplies, before the services are provided to clients, as a precondition for provider reimbursement. **Prior Authorization (PA) and limitation extensions (LE) are forms of authorization.**

What is prior authorization (PA)?

Prior authorization (PA) is HCA's or its designee's approval for certain medical services, equipment, or supplies, before the services are provided to clients. When PA is applicable, it is a precondition for provider reimbursement.

What is a limitation extension (LE)?

HCA limits the amount, frequency, or duration of certain services and reimburses up to the stated limit without requiring PA. HCA requires a provider to request PA for a limitation extension (LE) in order to exceed the stated limits.

See Resources Available for the fax number and specific information (including forms) that must accompany the request for LE.

HCA evaluates requests for LE under the provisions of WAC 182-501-0169.

How do I obtain authorization?

Send your request to HCA's Authorization Services Office (see Resources Available). For more information on requesting authorization, see HCA's ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide.

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Billing

All claims must be submitted electronically to HCA, except under limited circumstances. For more information about this policy change, see **Paperless Billing at HCA**. For providers approved to bill paper claims, see **HCA's Paper Claim Billng Resource.**

Providers must follow HCA's billing requirements in the **ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide.** These billing requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Time limits for submitting and resubmitting claims and adjustments;
- What fee to bill HCA for eligible clients;
- When providers may bill a client;
- How to bill for services provided to primary care case management (PCCM) clients;
- Billing for clients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid;
- Third-party liability; and
- Record-keeping requirements.

How do I bill claims electronically?

Instructions on how to bill Direct Data Entry (DDE) claims can be found on HCA's **Billers and Providers webpage**, under **Webinars.**

For information about billing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) claims, see the ProviderOne 5010 companion guides on the **HIPAA Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) webpage.**

What are the billing requirements specific to EPSDT?

Use the appropriate diagnosis code when billing any EPSDT well-child checkup service, procedure codes 99381-99395 (e.g., Z00.129 - Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings).

Bill for services such as laboratory work, hearing tests, x-rays, or immunization administration using the appropriate procedure code(s), along with the EPSDT well-child checkup (procedure codes 99381 - 99395) on the same claim.

When physicians and ARNPs identify physical or mental health problems, or both, during an EPSDT well-child checkup, the provider may treat the client or refer the client to another provider. Physicians and ARNPs are not limited to the procedure codes listed within this billing guide. They may also use HCA's **Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services Billing Guide** as necessary. Any office, laboratory, radiology, immunization, or other procedure rendered as part of follow-up treatment must be billed on a separate professional claim from the EPSDT well-child checkup.

For information on billing for evidence-based medicine (EBM), see the **Mental Health Services Billing Guide.** When billing for services provided in a facility, refer to all appropriate HCA billing guides (such as the **Outpatient Hospital Services Program Billing Guide**) to ensure correct claim processing.