

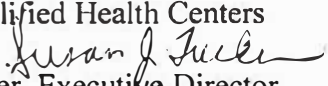


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TO: EPSDT Healthy Kids Providers
Managed Care Organizations
Local Health Departments
Federally Qualified Health Centers

FROM: 
Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Additions to Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule Effective January 1, 2018

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your Organization are aware of content of this transmittal**

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform providers about updates and new requirements to the 2018 Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule. The following requirements will become effective as of January 1, 2018. All of these changes align with the standard of care recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) *Bright Futures program*. (See attached Healthy Kids Schedule.)

Maternal Depression Screening

Effective January 1, 2018, the Department will add the new requirement of a maternal post-partum screening for depression at the baby's 1, 2, 4, and 6 month well-child checkups. Recommended screening tools are the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) or the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS). Procedure code 96161 will be reimbursed at \$4.06 per unit up to 4 units total per child through the age of 12 months. (Note: The PHQ-2 is not a separately reimbursable screening tool.)

Tuberculosis Risk Assessment

Effective January 1, 2018, the Department will require the risk assessment for tuberculosis to be completed at the age of 6 months in addition to the 1 month and 12 month requirement. This is not a separately reimbursable service. The risk assessments can be found in Appendix II of Section 7 of the Maryland Healthy Kids Manual at the following link.
https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/epsdt/healthykids/Documents/Provider%27s%20Forms/Preventive%20Screen%20Questionnaire_English.pdf

HIV Lab Test

Effective January 1, 2018, the Department will add the new requirement of an HIV lab test. One test will be required between the ages of 15-18.

Fluoride Varnish

Fluoride varnish application should begin with tooth eruption and continue through five years of age. The fluoride varnish can be applied in the primary care or dental office. Primary care providers who have completed the required certification and training for fluoride varnish through the MDH Oral Health program will be reimbursed \$24.92 per unit for up to 4 units per year for this service.

If you have questions, please contact Lesa Watkins with the Healthy Kids program at (410) 767-1836 or lesa.watkins@maryland.gov.