



School requirements may allow for extra EPSDT visits



WellCare of Nebraska resolves issue and clarifies coding for multiple EPSDT visits in one year

WellCare of Nebraska thanks you, our providers, for your partnership and work to ensure that all of our members receive quality healthcare.

Nebraska Medicaid allows one EPSDT visit per year for ages 4 to 21 years. The state of Nebraska also requires a school physical for entry into kindergarten and again for seventh grade within six months of school beginning.

To allow for kindergarten and seventh-grade school physicals, an additional EPSDT exam may be needed if the member's annual EPSDT exam does not occur within the six months before the beginning of school.

Kindergarten School Physical Exam

Allow one additional EPSDT visit per year based on the following criteria:

- Exam should be allowed for children 5 and 6 years old.
- CPT code for the school exam will be 99393 – late childhood (5-11 years old).
- The –EP modifier (Service provided as part of Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) program) must be appended to CPT code 99393.
- Only the diagnosis code for school physical exam shall be used: Diagnosis code Z02.0–Encounter for examination of admission to educational institution.

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Seventh-Grade School Physical Exam

Allow one additional EPSDT visit per year based on the following criteria:

- Exam should be allowed for children 12 and 13 years old.
- CPT code for the school exam will be 99394 – adolescent (12-17 years old).
- The –EP modifier (Service provided as part of Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) program) must be appended to CPT code 99394.
- Only the diagnosis code for school physical exam shall be used: Diagnosis code Z02.0–Encounter for examination of admission to educational institution.

Sports Physical Exam for School

- CPT code for the school sports exam will be the appropriate level Evaluation and Management code: 99201-99205 for a New Patient exam or CPT 99212-99215 for an Established Patient exam.
- The –EP modifier is not applicable and should not be billed.
- Only the diagnosis code for school physical exam shall be used: Diagnosis code Z02.5-Encounter for examination for participation of sport.

Catch-Up Visits

- Medicaid-eligible and Heritage Health Kids-eligible children who have missed one or more of the EPSDT visits recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics can have additional visits to get caught up with the periodicity schedule. Please code the visits with an EP and HA modifier in this order on the claim.

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