The EPSDT program combines screening services and diagnostic and treatment services to provide preventive and comprehensive health services to Medicaid eligible beneficiaries from birth to age twenty-one (21).

Screening Services

Mandatory periodic screening services include:

- A comprehensive health and developmental history
- A comprehensive unclothed physical examination
- Appropriate immunizations
- Laboratory tests, including blood lead levels
- Adolescent Counseling
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance
- Vision and Hearing Screens

Screening services must be provided at intervals recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Periodic vision, hearing, and dental services are done at intervals that meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice. Children may be seen by providers of these partial screening services without being referred by the EPSDT screener.

All procedures and tests must be recorded in the case history of the individual. When it is impossible to perform all procedures and tests, the reasons must be documented and/or appropriate referrals must be documented. These requirements are subject to federal and state audit.

Diagnostic and Treatment Services

Diagnostic and treatment services which are medically necessary to treat a condition identified during a screen must be covered by the Medicaid program to the extent that federal Medicaid law allows such coverage.

Expanded Services

The EPSDT Program was expanded in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 to allow additional services. Expanded EPSDT services include any necessary Medicaid reimbursable health care to correct or ameliorate illnesses and conditions found on screening. Services not covered, or exceeding the limits set forth in the Mississippi State Plan, must be prior authorized by DOM to ensure medical necessity.