

EPSDT & Transportation

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a program administered by the Department of Medicaid Services.

What does EPSDT provide?

Well Child Checks

Well Child Checks are regular health screening services.

Special Services

Special Services are medically necessary services, treatments, or therapies that would usually not be covered.

Who is eligible for EPSDT?

Children who receive Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)

Children who receive Medicaid

Are there age limits to EPSDT?

Children who receive KCHIP are eligible for EPSDT up to age 19

Children who receive Medicaid are eligible for EPSDT up to age 21

Services are provided at no cost to a person who has Medicaid or KCHIP.

Transportation to Services & Appointments

To provide access to needed preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services, states must offer appointment scheduling assistance and assure necessary transportation to and from medical appointments for children enrolled in Medicaid.

How is transportation provided?

You could have transportation covered by ambulance, taxi, bus, or another carrier. Or you could receive reimbursement for mileage.

States may cover the least expensive means of transportation if it is available, accessible, and appropriate. For example, public transportation can be covered instead of a taxi if the public transportation is accessible for the individual and takes a reasonable amount of time. Depending on a member's medical needs and what is available to the transportation broker, the EPSDT trip may be provided by taxi, van, bus or public transit. 42 C.F.R. § 440.170(a).

If your child needs assistance with transportation related to EPSDT appointments, or for more information, contact (800) 635-2570.

For more information on EPSDT, call (502) 564-9444 or visit www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/epsdt