



TO: RBWO Providers

FROM: Tiffany Cutliff, Office of Provider Management Director (OPM) 

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RE: EPSDT Reminder

Dear RBWO Providers:

The Office of Provider Management and DFCS leadership would like to remind you of the EPSDT requirements for all youth in foster care. Last May, provisions were put in place to address challenges providers were facing with scheduling appointments for EPSDT visits due to the closure of many medical providers. PBP reporting data supports that EPSDT visits have resumed and many of the challenges faced last year have been resolved. While progress has been made, PBP data still reflects a decrease in EPSDT visits being completed timely. This serves as a gentle reminder about EPSDT requirements for youth in foster care. FY22 RBWO Minimum Standard 6.2 states:

The ISP must include the provision of routine medical and dental services according to Medicaid's Early Prevention and Screening Diagnostic Test (EPSDT) standards, including a minimum, the components identified in the Georgia Health check program and any related health services required by the RCCL rules and regulations. The EPSDT schedule is as follows:

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| <i>From birth to 12 months</i> | <i>3-5 days old</i> |
| | <i>1 month</i> |
| | <i>2 months</i> |
| | <i>4 months</i> |
| | <i>6 months</i> |
| | <i>9 months</i> |
| | <i>12 months (1 year)</i> |

12 months to 30 months

15 months

18 months

24 months

30 months (2 ½ years)

Age 3 to 21

a. All children 3 and under must be referred to Children's 1st upon entering into foster care.

b. Ages three years and over: All children of three years of age and older shall receive no less than one periodic EPSDT/Georgia Health Check Program health screenings performed every year.

c. All children shall receive any follow-up treatment or care as directed by the physician who administered the periodic EPSDT/Georgia Health Check Program health screening.

d. All children age one (1) and over shall receive a dental screening within 10 days of entry into foster care (unless the dental screening was completed within the last six months) and every six months thereafter and shall receive any and all treatment as directed by the child's assessing dentist.

If you are experiencing challenges with meeting the EPSDT requirement for any youth in your care, please consult with the DFCS Case Manager and your OPM Monitoring team for support.

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