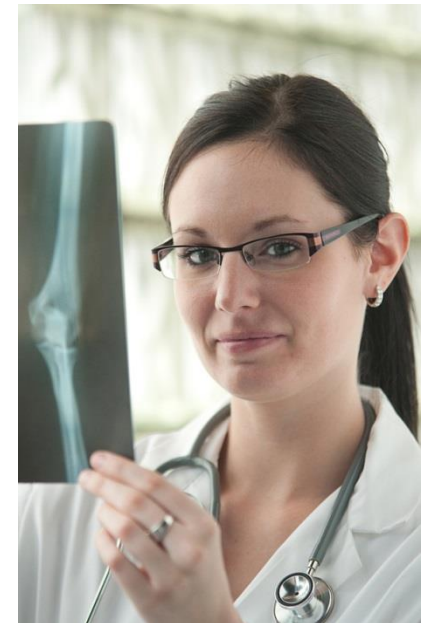


Understanding Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)



What is EPSDT?

- Federal law requires that **Medicaid** provide benefits and services specifically for children to ensure developmental progress.
- The intent of **EPSDT** is the early identification and treatment of conditions that may impede the growth and development of children.

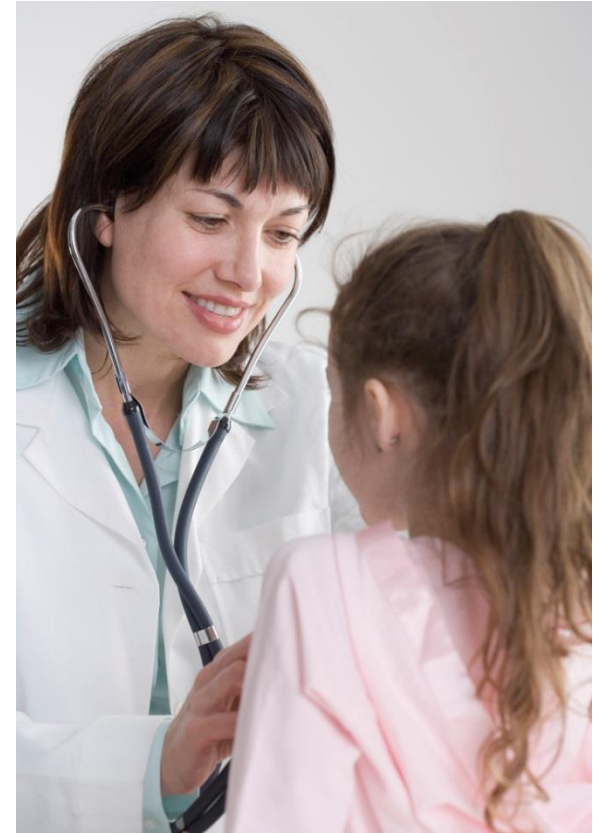


Remembering EPSDT:

- **Early:** Identifying problems early, starting at birth
- **Periodic:** Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals
- **Screening:** Doing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems
- **Diagnosis:** Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified, and
- **Treatment:** Treating the problems found

How Does It Work?

- Establish and keep a relationship with a doctor for your child
- Keep the schedule of the appointments for your child
- Your child may get shots and tests at different visits
- The doctor will ensure that your child is developing properly
- If there is a problem discovered, **EPSDT** will cover the treatment (under what is allowable from **Medicaid**)



Schedule of Health Check Visits

Health Check visits are recommended at the following ages:

Recommended	Visits
Newborn	12 months
3-5 days	15 months
1 month	18 months
2 months	24 months
4 months	30 months
6 months	3 years
9 months	4 years



Beginning at age 5 years, one visit every year until age 19

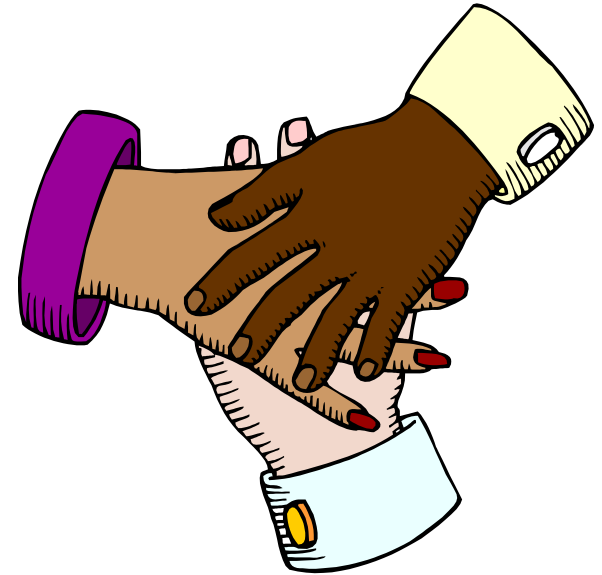
Tips for Keeping Your Child Healthy

- Make and keep regular appointments for your child
- Call and schedule a ride to your doctor appointment
- Keep a record of your child's shots and medications
- Make a list of questions to ask the doctor
- Ask the doctor or nurse to explain anything you don't understand



Ways Georgia Families 360°SM Can Help

- You may receive a call from **Amerigroup** to help schedule, or remind you, about an appointment
- **Care Coordinators** can help connect you to resources and educate you about service options for your child
- If you have questions about your child's health, you can reach out to his/her assigned **Care Coordinator**



Resources for Providers

- Provider manual/handbook
- **EPSDT** provider toolkit
 - Available in all markets in 2013
 - Distributed to primary care providers and posted on our provider website
- Includes:
 - Guide to services and billing
 - Assessment summary
 - Preventive care resources

