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All Plan Letter 19-010**Requirements for coverage of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services for Medi-Cal members under the age of 21**

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has issued All Plan Letter 19-010 - Requirements for coverage of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services for Medi-Cal members under the age of 21 on August 14, 2019. This APL supersedes APL 18-007 and 07-008. Please review APL at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>

PURPOSE

This All Plan Letter (APL) clarifies the responsibilities of Medi-Cal managed care health plans (MCPs) to provide Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services to eligible members under the age of 21 with guidance intended to reinforce existing state and federal laws and regulations regarding the provision of Medi-Cal services, including EPSDT, and does not represent any change in policy.

BACKGROUND

The EPSDT benefit provides a comprehensive array of prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for individuals under the age of 21 who are enrolled in Medi-Cal. According to guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), titled EPSDT — A Guide for States: Coverage in the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents (June 2014) on page 1, "The EPSDT benefit is more robust than the Medicaid benefit for adults and is designed to assure that children receive early detection and care, so that health problems are averted or diagnosed and treated as early as possible.

Under the EPSDT benefit, states are required to provide any Medicaid-covered service listed within the categories of mandatory and optional services in the SSA Section 1905(a), regardless of whether such services are covered under California's Medicaid State Plan, for members who are eligible for EPSDT services when the services are determined to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses or conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The EPSDT benefit includes the specific services listed above in Title 42 of the USC Section 1396d(r). For members under the age of 21, MCPs are required to provide and cover all medically necessary EPSDT services, defined as any service that meets the standards set forth in Title 42 of the USC Section 1396d(r)(5), unless otherwise carved out of the MCP's contract, regardless of whether such services are covered under California's Medicaid State Plan for adults, when the services are determined to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses or conditions.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative at (855) 322-4075. Please refer to the extensions on page one.