

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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To: All Medical Providers
EPSDT Clinics
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: EPSDT Program: Updates to the Fee Schedule and Billing Instructions Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will update the:

- *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Fee Schedule* with the updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2011 Relative Value Units (RVUs) and clinical laboratory fees; and
- *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Billing Instructions* with the changes outlined in this memo.

Overview

All policies previously published remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Fee Schedule Updates and Maximum Allowable Fee Adjustments

Effective for dates of services on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will update the *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Fee Schedule* with the MPFSDB Year 2011 RVUs and adjust the maximum allowable fees to reflect the new rates.

Bill the Agency your usual and customary charges.

Viewing Changes to the Fee Schedule

To view the July 1, 2011, fee schedule changes, go to the Agency website online at:
<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

Billing Instruction Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency made the following miscellaneous changes to the *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Billing Instructions*:

| Effective Date/Reason for Change | Section/ Page No. | Subject | Change |
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| July 1, 2011 Clarification and update Billing Instructions | A.1 | Screening | Add what a screening includes. |
| | B.2 | Infant that has not been assigned a client ID | Added "If the infant has not been issued a client ID" to the blue note box. |
| | C.2 | Well Child Exam Form | Clarify instructions for ordering required forms for well child exams through the Department of Printing. |
| | C.2 | Screening Exams | Clarify the age groups who can receive screening exams in the third bullet after the title "How Often Should EPSDT Screenings Occur". |
| | C.3 | Well child exam form for foster care children | Clarify instructions for ordering required forms for well child exams through the Department of Printing. |
| | C.10 | Synagis | Added procedure code 90378 to title. |
| | E.2 and E.3 | Vaccines | Add procedure codes to free from DOH table 90647, 90650, 90657, 90681, 90696, 90743, 90748. |
| | E.4 | Vaccines | Add procedure codes for clients 19-20 Years of age. |

Reminder: When physicians and ARNPs identify physical and/or mental health problems during an EPSDT screening examination, the provider may treat the client or refer the client to another provider. Physicians and ARNPs are not limited to the procedure codes listed within these billing instructions. They may also use the current Agency *Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services Billing Instructions* as necessary. Any office, laboratory, radiology, immunization, or other procedure rendered as part of *follow-up* treatment **must be billed** on a **SEPARATE** CMS-1500 Claim Form from the EPSDT screening.

Updated Billing Instructions

You may view the updated *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Billing Instructions* on the Agency website at:

http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Billing_Instructions_Webpages/EPSDT.html.

How Can I Get the Agency Provider Documents?

To download and print the Agency provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Agency website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).