

# Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT): Preventive & Early Identification Services

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# Learning Objectives

- Identify EPSDT scope of services
- Increase awareness of DSS policies pertaining to EPSDT coding and claims billing
- Obtain information about screening services and age-specific guidelines
- Review EPSDT, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and Medical Home alignment
- Inform how technology can assist with providing EPSDT services as well as resources available

# EPSDT Goal

***According to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the goal of EPSDT is to assure that individual children get the health care they need when they need it – the right care to the right child at the right time in the right setting.***



# EPSDT Services

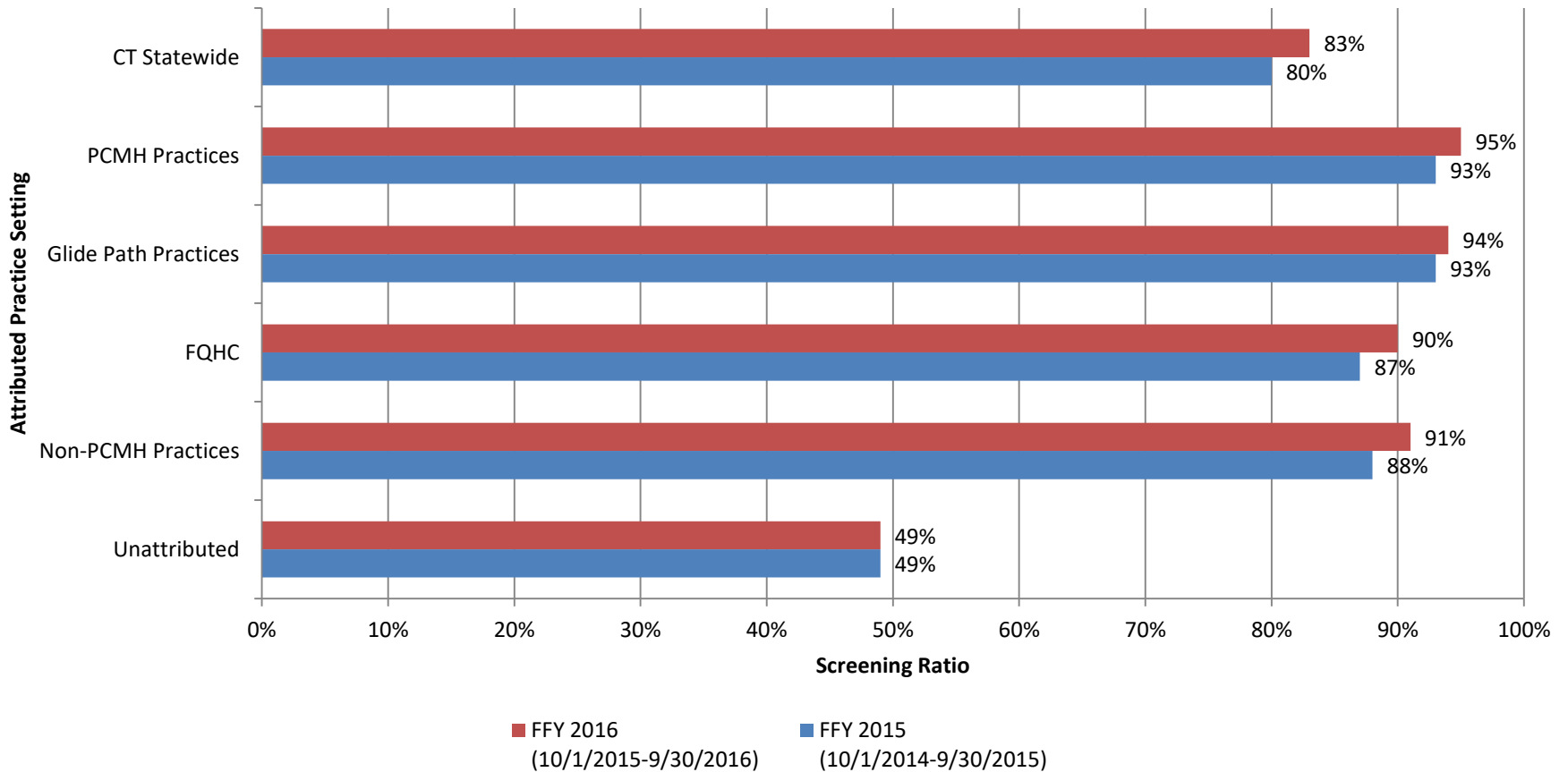
HUSKY Health members through 20 years of age (until the day before 21<sup>st</sup> birthday) receive:

- Comprehensive, periodic health examinations
- Comprehensive child healthcare services
  - At intervals which meet reasonable standards of medical practice
  - At such other intervals, indicated as medically necessary, to determine the existence of a suspected illness or condition
- Focuses on early identification and prevention
- Ensures and improves equitable access to healthcare for low-income children



# HUSKY EPSDT Screening Ratio

## EPSDT Screening Ratio (Ages 0-20)





# EPSDT Policies: Coding & Billing

# Developmental & Behavioral Health Screening Policy

- All HUSKY Health members under the age of 21 should receive a developmental screening/surveillance or behavioral health screening on an annual basis  
(Please note: extra payment for these services end at age 18)
- Providers are encouraged to incorporate a standardized and validated developmental or behavioral health screening tool into the annual EPSDT visit
- DSS requires three developmental screenings be completed on children between the ages of 0-36 months:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP Approved Tools)
- Behavioral Health screenings should be done up to the age of 18:
  - (AAP Approved Tools)
- DSS will also reimburse for medically necessary developmental and behavioral health screenings that are performed at intervals outside of the annual EPSDT visit

# Developmental & Behavioral Health Screening Policy cont'd

Specific scoring instructions allow providers to assess if there is a **positive result**.

If positive, the provider should perform further assessment to determine if a referral to a specialty practice/provider is necessary:

- Provide age-appropriate anticipatory guidance and make appropriate developmental and/or behavioral health recommendations
- Refer for additional evaluation/assessment by a Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health provider or provider with a specialization in developmental pediatrics
- Members who screen positive must be screened and assessed for further referral, intervention, and/or follow-up care annually



# Developmental Health Screening Code

Submit developmental screenings with procedure code **96110** (developmental screening, with interpretation and report, per standardized instrument form. e.g., developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screenings)

Procedure Code	Modifier	Max Fee for MD	Max Fee for APRN, PA
96110	U3 Positive screening U4 Negative screening	\$18.00	\$16.20 (90% of physician fee)

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2015 and forward

# Behavioral Health Screening Code

Submit behavioral health screenings with procedure code **96127** (brief emotional/behavioral assessment)

Procedure Code	Modifier	Max Fee for MD	Max Fee for APRN, PA
96127	U3 Positive screening U4 Negative screening	\$18.00	\$16.20 (90% of physician fee)

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2015 and forward

# EPSDT Coding & Billing

- Multiple codes are permitted to be billed on the same date of service for each medically necessary screening tool administered
- If multiple developmental or behavioral screenings are administered, and the screenings all yield the same result (all are positive or all are negative), the units for procedure code **96110** or **96127** and the modifier results must be rolled up onto one detail line
- If the screenings yield different results, the details must be billed on separate detail lines with the appropriate modifier
- Procedure codes **96110** and **96127** can be billed on the same date of service as well as visit codes **99381-99384**; **99391-99394**



# EPSDT: Screening Services & Guidelines

# EPSDT Periodicity Schedule

[https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity\\_schedule.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf)



# Anticipatory Guidance: Infancy - Adolescence

Infancy	Early Childhood	Middle Childhood	Adolescence
Safety	Safety	Safety	Safety
Nutrition & feeding	Nutrition	School	Development
Behavior, care, and development	Routines	Nutrition & physical activity	Emotional well-being
Discipline	Literacy & screen time	Development & mental health	Risk reduction



# EPSDT & Medical Home Alignment



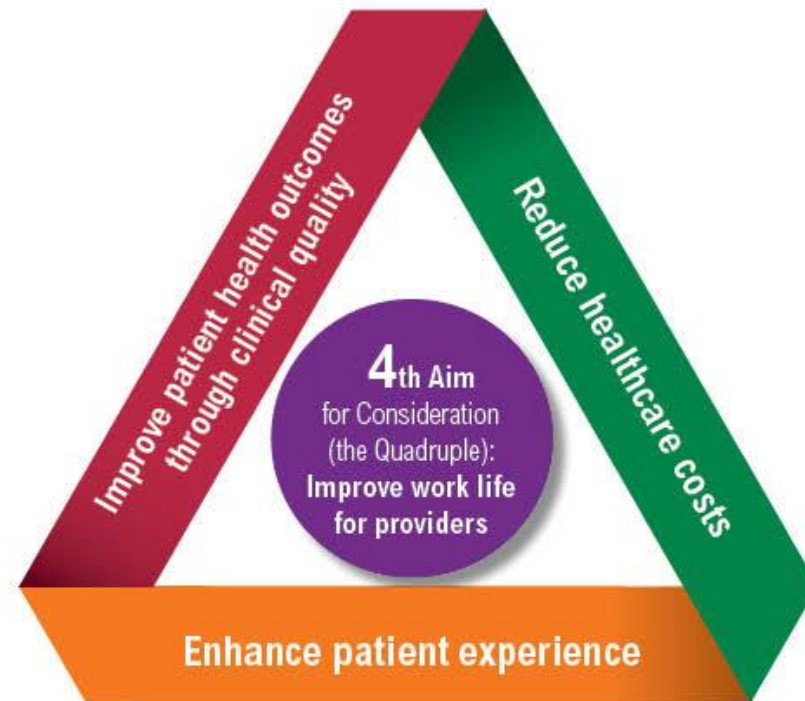
# Maximize EPSDT Screening Rates

- Identify and implement standardized tools for screening
- Implement developmental and behavioral health surveillance and screening policies and procedures
- Communicate with office staff and colleagues
- Inform members and their families about the importance of annual screenings

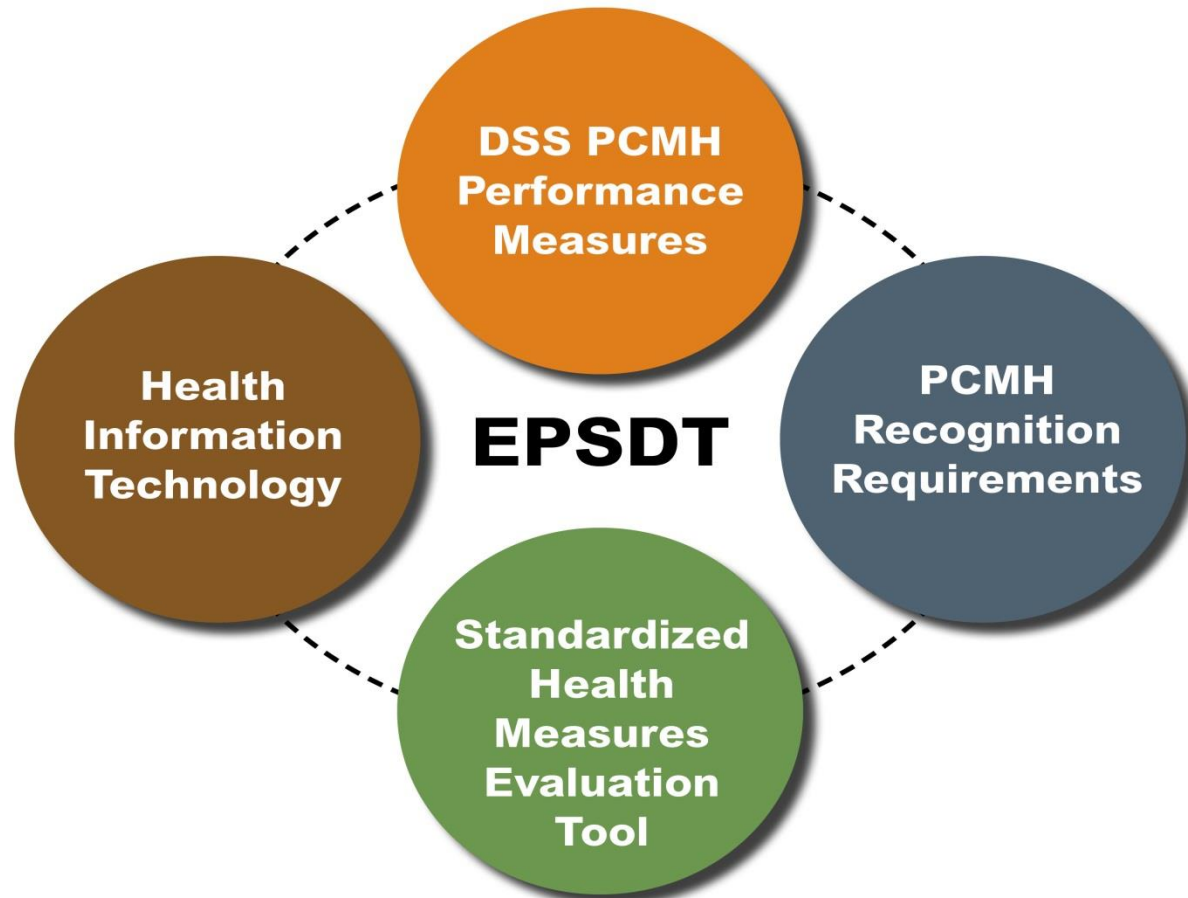


# Shared EPSDT & Medical Home Goals

Providing EPSDT services can also help achieve the Triple Aim:



# Aligning EPSDT



# EPSDT & PCMH

## Performance Measures

Several EPSDT components are included in the pediatric performance measures:

- Well-care visits during the measurement period, including:
  - Six or more well-child visits with a PCP in the first 15 months of life
  - One or more well-child visits with a PCP in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth years of life
  - One or more adolescent well-care visits with a PCP or OB/GYN practitioner for children 12-21 years old
- At least one dental visit for 2-20 year olds during measurement year
- Developmental screening in the first three years of life

# EPSDT & NCQA PCMH

- Access to services & primary care
- Establish workflows – pre-visit planning
- Greater emphasis on preventive health
- Shared decision-making
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- Integrate behavioral health services for mental health and substance abuse

# EPSDT & Health Information Technology

- Patient Registries
- Data driven population management
- Continuous monitoring of practice performance
- Reporting on EPSDT performance information annually
- Quality improvement data collection



# Providing EPSDT Services: Technology

- Registries
- iPad – generated screenings in waiting rooms
- Pre-visit planning – email, portal
- Video conferencing
- Provider Portal Reports – well-child gaps in care
- Care Analyzer<sup>®</sup> – Medicaid/high-risk



# EPSDT: Future Considerations

- Utilize continuing education and training for staff
- Use registries to identify and contact members who need services
- Identify EPSDT measures for performance in quality improvement goals
- Engage in resources and current information to guide your practice in sustaining EPSDT
- Assess the utilization/effectiveness of EPSDT services at your practice

# CHNCT Resources

- Contact us:
  - By email: [pathwaytopcmh@chnct.org](mailto:pathwaytopcmh@chnct.org)
  - By phone: 203.949.4194
  - Online: [www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/pcmh.html](http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/pcmh.html)
- All PCMH webinars are located on the HUSKY Health website page “[Webinars](#)” under the “***Person-Centered Medical Home***” menu item
- Developmental and Behavioral Health Screens in Primary Care - Requirement of Modifiers:  
[http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/provider\\_postings/PB%202014-43%20Developmental%20and%20Behavioral%20Health%20Screens.pdf](http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/provider_postings/PB%202014-43%20Developmental%20and%20Behavioral%20Health%20Screens.pdf)



# Additional Resources

What You Need To Know About EPSDT:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/downloads/what-you-need-to-know-about-epsdt.pdf>

EPSDT Benefits:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/epsdt/index.html>

Immunization Schedule:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

EPSDT Periodicity Schedule:

[http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/provider\\_postings/clinical\\_guidelines/Recommendations\\_for\\_Preventive\\_Pediatric\\_Care.pdf](http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers/provider_postings/clinical_guidelines/Recommendations_for_Preventive_Pediatric_Care.pdf)

EPSDT: An Overview:

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/files/publications/data-brief/2005/sep/epsdt--an-overview/893\\_epsdt\\_overview-pdf.pdf](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/files/publications/data-brief/2005/sep/epsdt--an-overview/893_epsdt_overview-pdf.pdf)

Anticipatory Guidance:

<https://brightfutures.aap.org/Bright%20Futures%20Documents/Anticipatory%20Guidance.pdf>

<http://dshs.texas.gov/thsteps/Anticipatory-Guidance.shtm>

Children's Health Care Quality Measures:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/child-core-set/index.html>

# Thank You!

