

## Section 5

## Other Child Health-Related Services

### A. EXPANDED EPSDT-RELATED SERVICES

#### Scope of Services

Medicaid participants under 21 years of age are entitled to a broader scope of services than adults are. These services are called expanded EPSDT diagnostic and treatment services. For referral and pre-authorization, contact the participant's Managed Care Organization (MCO) or refer to the MCO Provider Manual regarding the following:

- Vision services including eye glasses<sup>1</sup>
- Nutrition counseling services<sup>1</sup>
- Chiropractic care<sup>1</sup>
- Durable medical equipment and supplies<sup>2</sup>
- Private duty nursing services<sup>3</sup>

Some expanded EPSDT treatment services are not the responsibility of the MCO. Examples of services that are reimbursed through the Medicaid fee-for-service system include:

- Audiology services including hearing aids\*<sup>1</sup>
- Occupational therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Physical Therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Speech and language therapy<sup>1</sup>

*\*Inquire about pre-authorization requirements*

For information about the above services, to inquire about other medically necessary services, or to obtain authorization for a service when the child is not enrolled in a MCO, contact the following Department of Health and Mental Health (DHMH) Divisions:

<sup>1</sup>**Division of Children's Services at 410-767-1903**

<sup>2</sup>**Division of Community Support Services at 410-767-1739**

<sup>3</sup>**Division of Nursing Services at 410-767-1448 or**

For information and pre-authorization for Mental Health Services including Therapeutic Behavioral Services, call **Maryland Public Mental Health System** (consumers and providers) at **1-800-888-1965**.

#### Documentation of Referral for Services

When a suspected problem is identified during the child's health care examination, the Primary Care Provider (PCP) may elect to treat the condition if it is within his/her scope of training and expertise. However, if the condition is outside the expertise of the PCP, he/she must complete a referral to a qualified specialist to evaluate, diagnose, and/or treat the condition. When making the referral to the specialist for expanded EPSDT services,

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include complete name, degree, and nine-digit MA number of the PCP. Use the *Maryland Uniform Consultation Referral Form* (Refer to Section 5, Addendum) as required by regulation to facilitate referrals to specialty providers. Document the referral and include the follow-up summary report from the specialist in the child's medical record.