

EPSDT and Title V Collaboration to Improve Child Health

EPSDT Data Requirements and Opportunities

State Medicaid agencies are required to report annually on EPSDT services (submitted on the 416 form) The annual report provides basic information on the number of children (by age and basis of Medicaid eligibility) who receive medical or dental screens and the number referred for diagnostic or treatment services. [Visit CMS to download PDF of form or reports](#)

For the overall program, states have opportunities to:

- Determine the number of screens due according to the periodicity schedule and rate of EPSDT screens
- Assess the percentage of children with health problems identified through screen or diagnostic tests for whom treatment was initiated (paid for by Medicaid)
- Conduct record reviews/audits.
- Track pediatric providers' billing for screens.
- Monitor provider participation and utilization patterns.

In Medicaid managed care, states have opportunities to:

- Require managed care organizations (MCOs) to submit encounter data for EPSDT screening.
- Link databases, such as immunization registries, lead screening databases, and Head Start EPSDT data sets.
- Use data to monitor performance of MCOs as part of a quality improvement/feedback loop.
- Disseminate MCO performance data to serve as an incentive to report complete and accurate data.