



Provider Relations Outreach Specialist

EPSDT Screenings and Sick Visits

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Child Health Services (EPSDT) Screenings and Sick Visits

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Screenings performed on the same date of service as an office visit for treatment of an acute or chronic condition may be billed as a periodic Child Health Services (EPSDT) screening, electronically or on paper using the CMS-1500 claim form. Modifier 25 must be indicated in the first position of the second billed service. This change surpasses the Medicaid policy to not bill modifiers on a sick visit when performed on the same date of service as an EPSDT screening/ARKids First B preventative screening. Please resubmit any denied claims with the required modifiers along with Modifier 25 in the first modifier position within the required 365-day filing limit.

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2006, a Child Health Services (EPSDT) screening performed during an office visit for treatment of an acute or chronic condition may be billed as a separate visit for the same date of service using a CPT evaluation and management procedure code. The visit must be billed electronically, or on paper using a separate CMS-1500 form. [View a CMS-1500 sample form.](#)

See Sections 241.000 – 243.310 of the EPSDT manual for specific EPSDT billing instructions.