



Provider Relations Outreach Specialist

Foster Care Intake Physical Examination

214.300 Foster Care Intake Physical Examination in the EPSDT Program 10-1-08

Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries entering the Arkansas foster care system are required to receive an intake physical examination within the first seventy two (72) hours. If the EPSDT provider who performs the screening is not the beneficiary's PCP, the intake physical examination should be billed with procedure codes **99381-99385** and modifiers **EP** and **H9**. Billing with these procedure codes and modifiers will allow the claim to be submitted for payment without a referral from the beneficiary's PCP and will alert the system not to count the screen toward the beneficiary's yearly EPSDT periodic complete medical screening limits.

If the EPSDT provider who performs the screen is the beneficiary's PCP, the intake physical exam should be billed with procedure codes **99391-99395** and modifiers **EP** and **H9**. Billing with these procedure codes and modifiers will allow the claim to be submitted for payment and will not count toward the beneficiary's yearly EPSDT periodic complete medical screening limits.

Procedure codes **99381-99385** and **99391-99395**, in conjunction with the **EP** and **H9** **modifiers**, are to be used only for the required intake physical examination for Medicaid beneficiaries in the Arkansas foster care system.