

Important Information for Your Practice from our Quality Improvement Team:

Back to School Well Visits

When parents or guardians of Care1st members call to schedule an appointment in the next two months, be sure to schedule a comprehensive EPSDT (well) visit, and increase your reimbursement for the visit.

Sports Physical vs. EPSDT Well Exam

Sports physicals are **not** an AHCCCS-covered service. When a parent or guardian wants an appointment for a sports physical, have your office schedule a comprehensive EPSDT (well) exam instead. Most PCPs complete the sports physical form at no charge to the parent/guardian after completing the EPSDT exam, as an incentive to get patients in before school starts.

An annual well visit is required for all Care1st members who are 3 through 20 years old by Sept. 30, 2017. As part of this visit, you must perform the preventive screenings required by AHCCCS, including:

- Complete health and developmental history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam
- Oral health screening by the PCP and referral of all children 12 months and older to a dentist
- Laboratory tests, including blood lead testing, and anemia and sickle cell trait, as indicated
- Immunizations according to the CDC Childhood/Adolescent Immunization Schedule
- Vision, hearing and speech testing according to the AHCCCS EPSDT Periodicity Schedule
- Developmental surveillance and screening using AHCCCS-approved screening tools
- Behavioral health screening
- Nutritional assessment
- Tuberculin skin test, as appropriate to age and risk
- Health education and counseling

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