

**WAC 182-534-0200 Enhanced payments for EPSDT screens for children in out-of-home placement.** The medicaid agency pays providers an enhanced fee for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) screens provided to children in out-of-home placement. See the agency's EPSDT provider guide for specific billing code requirements, and see the agency's fee schedule for the fee.

(1) For the purposes of this section, out-of-home placement means temporary, 24 hour per day, substitute care for a child:

(a) Placed away from the child's parents or guardians in licensed, paid, out-of-home care; and

(b) For whom the department of social and health services or a licensed or certified child placing agency has placement and care responsibility.

(2) The agency pays an enhanced fee to the providers listed in subsection (3) of this section for EPSDT screens provided to only those children in out-of-home placement.

(3) The following providers are eligible to perform EPSDT screens and bill the enhanced rate for children in out-of-home placement:

(a) EPSDT clinics;

(b) Physicians;

(c) Advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs); and

(d) Physician assistants (PAs).

(4) To be paid an enhanced fee, services furnished by the providers listed in subsection (3) of this section must meet the federal requirements for EPSDT screens at 42 C.F.R. Part 441 Subpart B.

(5) The provider must retain documentation of the EPSDT screens in the client's medical file. The provider must use the agency's Well Child Exam forms or provide equivalent information. The Well Child Exam forms include the required elements for an EPSDT screen. The Well Child Exam forms are available for downloading at no charge at <http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/forms/Pages/index.aspx>.

(6) The agency evaluates client files and payments made under this program. The agency may recover the enhanced payment amount when:

(a) The client was not in out-of-home placement as defined in subsection (1) of this section when the EPSDT screen was provided; or

(b) Documentation was not in the client's medical file (see subsection (5) of this section).

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