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New EPSDT Screening Guidelines

Effective May 11, 2012

Effective May 11, 2012, Alaska Medicaid is changing the requirements for providing comprehensive medical screenings as part of the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) program (also known as the "Well-Child Exam").

All comprehensive medical screenings should comply with the minimum recommendations found in the *Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care*. These guidelines replace the Alaska Periodicity Schedule for Child and Adolescent Health Screening standards.

Providers can, at no cost, download the *Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care* at <http://brightfutures.aap.org> (select "Clinical Practice" then "Training and Implementation Materials;" under the heading "Bright Futures/AAP Periodicity Schedule," select "Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care").

Many other resources for pediatricians and pediatric care providers are available on the Bright Futures website.

Alaska Medicaid encourages providers to always screen enrolled children according to the appropriate periodicity schedule and make referrals for additional screening or treatment as medically necessary.

Please direct any questions to Xerox's Provider Inquiry at 907.644.6800, option 1 or 800.770.5650, option 1, 1 (toll-free in Alaska).