



SoonerCare Fax Blast

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SUBJECT: EPSDT Incentive \$\$\$\$

Dear Provider:

Child Health Check-ups are a part of the federally mandated Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) program. These preventive health screenings, as well as diagnosis and treatment of health conditions and disabilities, are provided to children and teens, age 20 or younger, enrolled in Oklahoma SoonerCare (Medicaid.)

Providers offer screening, vision, hearing and dental services according to a [Periodicity Schedule](#) that meets reasonable standards of medical and dental practices. Services include physicals, eye and hearing exams, dental exams, nutritional review, lead screening, lab tests and screening for speech, behavioral health and substance abuse problems.

Child Health Check-ups are performed by, or under the supervision of, a contracted Medicaid physician, dentist or other qualified health care provider (i.e., state licensed nurse practitioner or state licensed physician assistant).

As a SoonerCare Choice Primary Care Provider (PCP) you have the ability to earn an EPSDT incentive. The EPSDT incentive's purpose is to supply further payment to PCPs that meet or exceed the compliance rate for screenings as well as incentivize PCPs to perform more initial and periodic screening services. The EPSDT incentive consists of a total pool of \$1,000,000 for all PCPs for 2009. The amount available per quarter is \$250,000.

All PCPs that meet or exceed the appropriate EPSDT compliance rate for medical home members for the age group will receive up to an additional 25% of the rate for the age appropriate procedure code according to the current fee schedule (unenhanced). This percent increase is contingent on available funds and may be less.

OHCA has various resources available on the OHCA website to include a detailed explanation on how the incentive is calculated. The Web address is www.okhca.org. This is found easily by clicking on the Patient Center Medical Home page then scrolling down to the Incentive Payments. You can find useful forms that you can incorporate into your patient's chart that will assist you in obtaining all the critical components of an EPSDT visit. The

forms can be easily downloaded from the OHCA website by clicking on Providers, then Forms from the left side menu.

Under Provider Types on the Web site, you can click on the link Child Health/EPSTD, and this will bring you to an information Web page that includes a link for a coding fact sheet, and various questions and answers that a Provider may have.

You can also contact an OHCA Provider Services Representative at any time by calling 877-823-4529, option 2. The Representative can assist you with finding the mentioned Web pages above, providing on-site training, answering questions, or connecting you with a resource to better suit your needs. Don't forget every year OHCA and EDS provide you with Spring and Fall training that is offered at various locations in the state. The Fall training period is coming up, more information can be found on the Web site and clicking on the Training section under Providers.

If you have any further questions please contact Provider Services. We also have secure email available for those Providers who use the secure site, SoonerCare on the Web. Just open your mailbox and select "Send Message". This is HIPAA compliant and is a fast and easy way to get claim specific questions answered in a secure manner.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare membership.