



Resource Guide

Subject:	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services (EPSDT) & Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) Coverage for Medi-Cal Members under the Age of 21
Facility Site Review Source:	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All Plan Letter 20-006, Site Reviews: Facility Site Review and Medical Record Review
Relevant Law/Standard:	DHCS APL 19-010 and DHCS APL 19-014
Agency/Organization Source:	American Academy of Family Physician AAFP, US Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF)
Agency/Organization URL	https://www.aafp.org/home.html ; https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/

Background:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) published a number of new requirements in 2020.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure appropriate authorization of services for eligible Medi-Cal members.
- Ensure that the definition of medical necessity aligns with the APL.
- Use the current AAP/Bright Futures periodicity schedule and guidelines for the provision of services.
- Ensure BHT services are provided by the appropriate provider.
- Ensure that behavioral treatment plans are reviewed, revised, and/or modified at least every six months.

Links:

DHCS APL 19-010 EPSDT: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-010.pdf>

DHCS APL 19-014 BHT: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-014.pdf>

AAP Bright Futures: <https://brightfutures.aap.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care: https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/periodicity_schedule.pdf

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