



**Louisiana Department of Health**  
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**2018 Louisiana Medicaid EPSDT Periodicity Schedule**

The Louisiana Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Periodicity Schedule has been released with an effective date of May 1, 2018. The 2018 EPSDT Periodicity Schedule provides guidelines for the health supervision of infants, children and individuals under the age of 21 years related to medical screenings, developmental and behavioral assessments, applicable procedures, and sensory screenings guidelines. Louisiana Medicaid has adopted the Bright Futures EPSDT Periodicity Schedule promulgated by the American Academy of Pediatrics with two exceptions:

- 1) The Louisiana Medicaid EPSDT guidelines are for individuals under 21 years of age (The AAP Bright Futures EPSDT Periodicity Schedule provides guidance for patients through age 21); and
- 2) The Louisiana Medicaid schedule has stricter requirements for lead assessment and blood lead screening in keeping with the Louisiana public health rule LAC 48:V.7005-7009 and the Medicaid Professional Services Manual, "Public Health Surveillance Mandates" section.

A copy of the 2018 Louisiana Medicaid EPSDT Periodicity Schedule can be found [here](#).

More information about Bright Futures may be found on the [American Academy of Pediatrics' website](#).

More information about lead poisoning prevention in children can be found [here](#).