



**Louisiana Department of Health
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EPSDT Periodicity Schedule

Medicaid previously adopted the “Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care” periodicity schedule promulgated by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)/Bright Futures. Effective immediately, Medicaid will no longer maintain a separate Louisiana Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Periodicity Schedule and will refer providers to the AAP periodicity schedule available [here](#).

Two exceptions to the AAP/Bright Futures schedule will continue to apply to Louisiana’s Medicaid program:

- 1) The Louisiana Medicaid EPSDT screening guidelines and policies apply to individuals under 21 years of age; and
- 2) The Louisiana Medicaid schedule has stricter requirements for lead assessment and blood lead screening. These requirements can be found in the Louisiana public health rule LAC 48:V.7005-7009 and the Medicaid Professional Services Manual.

The MCO shall ensure that providers have access to the most current periodicity schedule and that EPSDT enrollees receive services according to this schedule.

More information about Bright Futures may be found on the [AAP website](#).

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