

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION Medical and Remedial Care and Services
Services
Item 4.b. (continued)

~~III. — EPSDT — Early — Intervention~~

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III. EPSDT Early Intervention Services

Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, audiology services, and psychological services for infants and toddlers ages birth to three years are reimbursed according to the published fee schedules which correspond to the following ~~3~~ three settings:

1. Natural ~~E~~environment-which may include a child's home or settings in the community ~~that are natural or normal for the child's- where children of the same age with and peers who have~~ no disabilities or special needs participate-;
2. Special ~~P~~urpose ~~F~~acility/inclusive child care which includes- settings such as children with no disabilities including child-care centers, nursery schools, or preschools ~~with where~~ at least 50% percent of the children ~~with-have~~ no disabilities or developmental delays-; and
3. Center-~~B~~ased ~~S~~pecial ~~P~~urpose ~~F~~acility-~~which is a facility~~ where only children with disabilities or developmental delays are served.

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2005, the reimbursement for early intervention services rendered to infants and toddlers ages birth to three years shall be the lower of billed charges or 75 percent of the rates (a 25 percent reduction) in effect on January 31, 2005. ~~Fee schedules can be found on the Louisiana Medicaid provider website at www.lamedicaid.com.~~

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2008, the fee schedule used to reimburse certain health services rendered in a natural environment shall be increased by 25 percent of the rate in effect on August 31, 2008.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the reimbursement for certain Medicaid-covered health services rendered in ~~a natural environment~~ the EarlySteps program shall be reduced by ~~2~~ two percent of the rate in effect on December 31, 2010. The following services rendered in the natural environment shall be reimbursed at the reduced rate:

1. audiology services;
2. speech pathology services;
3. occupational therapy;
4. physical therapy; and
5. psychological services.

Services rendered in special purpose facilities/inclusive child care and center-based special purpose facilities shall be excluded from this rate reduction.

~~Governmental and private providers are paid using the same fee schedule.~~

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Effective for dates of service on or after August 3, 2022, reimbursement for Medicaid-covered health services rendered in the EarlySteps program shall be increased by 30 percent of the rate in effect on January 1, 2011. The increased rate shall be applied to services provided in the following settings:

1. Natural environment that includes a child's home and settings in the community where children of the same age with no disabilities or special needs participate-;
2. Special purpose facility/inclusive child care settings such as a child care centers, nursery schools, or preschools where at least 50 percent of the children have no disabilities or developmental delays, and
3. Center-Based Special Purpose Facility that is a facility where only children with disabilities or developmental delays are served.

The following services shall be reimbursed at the increased rate:

1. Audiology services;
2. Speech language pathology services;
3. Occupational therapy;
4. Physical therapy; and
5. Psychological services.

Except as otherwise noted in the Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of EPSDT EarlySteps services. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.com.