

What is EPSDT?

The **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment** mandate is a benefit that ensures comprehensive and preventive health care services for Medicaid beneficiaries under age 21. With EPSDT, children are entitled to receive appropriate health care services, including audiology and speech-language pathology.



EARLY

Every child has the right to access audiology and speech-language pathology services in a timely manner.



PERIODIC

Providers under EPSDT can provide services periodically throughout childhood.



SCREENING

Audiologists and SLPs can provide screenings to children to identify those at risk.



DIAGNOSIS

Audiologists and SLPs can provide assessments to children to identify disorders and needs for services.



TREATMENT

Audiologists and SLPs can provide treatment to address children's needs.

Do you serve children who are Medicaid beneficiaries?

If you do, you are providing Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. It is important to know about the EPSDT benefit.

Why should clinicians know about EPSDT?

According to an ASHA poll, members providing EPSDT services want resources and to learn more about the benefit.

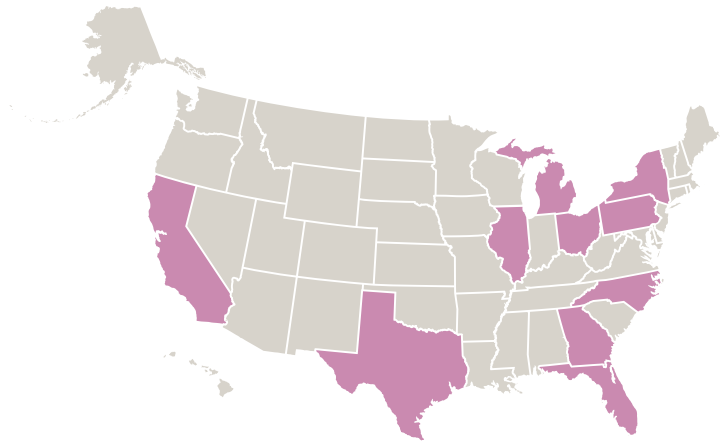
EPSDT covers A LOT of people.

86,174,094

people were enrolled in Medicaid in February 2023



About **40%** of those enrollees were children between the ages of 0-17 years.



10 states have over 1,000,000 children (0-17 years) enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP*— California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

*kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/total-medicare-and-chip-child-enrollment/



Because of the mandate for coverage, **services for children under the EPSDT benefit have different coverage criteria** than that which is applied to adults enrolled in the Medicaid program (e.g., no quantity or upper limit caps on services, no cost-based criteria for approval).

What can I do if I have questions about EPSDT or the way my state Medicaid program applies this benefit?

Find resources on [ASHA.org](https://www.asha.org) or contact reimbursement@asha.org