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TO: All Health Maintenance Organizations, DC Medicaid Participating Primary Care Physicians (Pediatricians, Internists, General Medicine, Family Medicine, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Outpatient Clinics)

FROM: *for Calvin Kearney*
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Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Amended District of Columbia Healthy Tots and Teens/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program Periodicity Schedule

The Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) has amended the *DC Healthy Tots and Teens EPSDT Periodicity Schedule* to reflect the current American Academy of Pediatric (AAP) schedule, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, and Bright Futures guidelines for health supervision of infants, children and adolescents. Recommendations were also received from the Department of Health, the Public Benefits Cooperation, Inc., and other local recognized child-health medical and dental professionals and organizations. As referenced in the EPSDT Periodicity Schedule, a separate CDC/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) approved immunization schedule is attached. These schedules are effective **immediately**, and as required by Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), will be used by to prepare the District's annual HCFA 416 reports.

Under the DC Medicaid EPSDT Program, (officially renamed, the "DC Healthy Tots and Teens/EPSDT Program," effective 10/99, persons under age 21 must have age appropriate periodic well-child health screenings. Participating providers should follow this schedule for children who have no manifestation of any important health problems. Additional visits or interperiodic screens can be performed, if medically necessary.

We ask that you continue to work with us to ensure that this vulnerable population receives **all** health services they need and that **the services are documented**. If you have questions or would like to have a written explanation on sections of the EPSDT Periodicity Schedule that are exclusive to the District and differ from AAP's schedule, please contact Sarah J. Davidson, EPSDT Coordinator at (202) 727-0725x3016; Fax: (202) 610-3209; or E-Mail at SDavidson-doh@dcbgov.org.

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