

Medicaid EPSDT Services Overview

Early Intervention Services for infants and toddlers enrolled in Idaho Medicaid are provided by the Idaho Infant Toddler Program (ITP). Early Intervention Services must be provided in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, and all Medicaid regulations.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's, Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) and Division of Medicaid coordinate the delivery of Early Intervention Services through an intra-agency agreement published on the Department's website. This agreement ensures the availability and accessibility of early intervention services for all Medicaid eligible infants and toddlers, birth through the end of their 36th month, who have a developmental delay or who have conditions (such as prematurity, Down Syndrome, hearing loss) that may result in a developmental delay.

Medicaid Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT)

The EPSDT benefit is a Medicaid state plan authority designed to help ensure that all Medicaid-eligible children receive preventive health care and early intervention services needed to maximize each child's potential for healthy growth and development. The Infant Toddler Program receives Medicaid funding to deliver EPSDT Early Intervention Services to Medicaid enrolled infants and toddlers.

EPSDT Early Intervention benefits require that services be recommended by a physician, covered by a current IFSP, and delivered by qualified staff as outlined in Part C requirements and the intra-agency agreement.

Idaho Medicaid's EPSDT services align with IDEA Part C and evidence-based practices, creating a streamlined process across divisions.

ITP's services are reimbursed based on Medicaid's early intervention fee schedule, and include the following service categories:

- Intake Screening
- Developmental Screening
- PT, OT, SLP Evaluations
- Developmental Evaluation
- Early Intervention Assessment
- Early Intervention
- Joint Visit
- Teaming
- Interpretive Services

Additional Resources

The following resources contain additional information regarding EPSDT early intervention benefits:

- Administrative Rules - IDAPA 16.03.09 Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits, Early Intervention Services
- Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook - General Provider and Participant Information, Section 2.6 Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT)
- Department Intra-Agency Agreement
- Idaho Medicaid Early Intervention Reference Guide