32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

1) Except as otherwise specified, payment for authorized medically necessary services required to diagnose and treat a condition under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services will be based on existing Medicaid reimbursement methodologies.

   a) In Texas, EPSDT services are known as Texas Health Steps (THSteps). Medicaid services provided only to clients under age 21 are part of the THSteps-Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) and the reimbursement methodologies are included in this item. The reimbursement methodologies for services provided to all Medicaid-eligible clients, including clients under age 21, are located elsewhere in the Texas Medicaid State Plan and are referenced in this item.

   b) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective September 1, 2010, through January 31, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less one percent.

   c) The reimbursement for services, excluding SHARS, effective February 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less two percent.

   d) The reimbursement for therapy services, excluding SHARS and services provided in a client's home, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less seven percent.

   e) The reimbursement for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supply services, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less 12.5 percent.

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3) Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21.

a) Ventilator service agreements reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 are reimbursed at the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees established by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the same manner as the fees determined by HHSC for DME under home health services in Item 8(c) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for DME provided by home health agencies and DME providers/suppliers.

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT durable medical equipment prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies effective September 1, 2010. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 3, 2010.

(d) The reimbursement for individual procedure codes effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less a percentage amount for each procedure code ranging between 0 and 29 percent, with the amount reduced for all procedure codes averaging an estimated 10.5 percent.

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6) Physical therapy (PT)

a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:

1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).

3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT physical therapy services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

d) The reimbursement for therapy services, excluding SHARS and services provided in a client's home, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less seven percent.

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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued

7) Occupational therapy (OT)

a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:

1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).

3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT occupational therapy services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

d) The reimbursement for therapy services, excluding SHARS and services provided in a client's home, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less seven percent.

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32. Reimbursement Methodologies for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services - continued

8) Speech and language

a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:

1) Medicare-certified outpatient facilities known as comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient rehabilitation facilities (ORFs) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

2) School districts in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).

3) Home health agencies' reimbursed statewide visits are determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) based on an analysis of relevant fee surveys. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT speech and language services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

d) The reimbursement for therapy services, excluding SHARS and services provided in a client's home, effective September 1, 2011 will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less seven percent.

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9) Nutritional services provided by licensed dietitians to Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners.

a) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

b) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT nutritional services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

c) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less 12.5 percent.

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11) Audiology and hearing services

a) Services reimbursable only for Medicaid-eligible clients under age 21 include those delivered by the following provider types:

1) Licensed audiologists in accordance with Item 1 of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for physicians and certain other practitioners. Payments based on a fee schedule are made for these services.

2) School districts, in accordance with Item 32(17) of Attachment 4.19-B, relating to the reimbursement methodology for School Health and Related Services (SHARS).

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT audiology and hearing services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

d) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less 12.5 percent.

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18) EPSDT Case Management

a) Providers of EPSDT Case Management Services are reimbursed the lesser of the provider's billed charges or fees determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The fees are determined using an analysis of relevant cost or fee surveys available to HHSC.

b) All fee schedules are available through the agency's website as outlined on Attachment 4.19-B, page 1.

c) The agency's fee schedule was revised with new fees for EPSDT case management services effective September 1, 2011. The fee schedule will be posted on the agency website on September 9, 2011.

d) The reimbursement for services, effective September 1, 2011, will be equal to the reimbursement on August 31, 2010, less seven percent.

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