

## **Well Care (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)) Exam Forms and Anticipatory Guidance**

The Well Care (EPSDT) Exam Forms are revised as of 2/06 as are the Anticipatory Guidance tables that accompany the forms. These forms and tables should be used from birth through age 20. The new forms consist of full pages for each age or age range to give providers more room to record comments regarding the findings from each screen and an expanded anticipatory guidance section. These forms contain the recommended elements of screens, recommended immunizations and anticipatory guidance suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, the American Medical Association and other professional organizations. Additional information about the elements of the screens and the anticipatory guidance questions can be found at <http://brightfutures.aap.org/web/>. This website offers information for medical professionals, public health professionals and parents and other interested community members about child development and age-appropriate well care.

The Anticipatory Guidance Tables attached have been revised and expanded. These tables, like the revised anticipatory guidance sections of the Well Care EPSDT Tracking Forms, will assist providers in providing comprehensive age-appropriate anticipatory guidance at each well child visit. They provide easier-to-read and slightly more detailed lists of the elements of anticipatory guidance appropriate for each exam and can serve as a useful reference.

The Revised Well Care EPSDT Exam Forms have been approved for use by DSS, and all the managed care organizations in HUSKY A, Connecticut's Medicaid Managed Care, and HUSKY B, the Connecticut SCHIP Program. These forms include all the required parts of an EPSDT screen. The Department encourages all providers of EPSDT screens to use the new Well Care EPSDT Tracking Forms, which can assist providers in delivering comprehensive well child screens.

### **Coding**

On the upper right hand corner of each page are the appropriate preventative screening procedure code(s), from the series 99381-99395 for each age range, which should be used to obtain reimbursement for an EPSDT screen. Other ways to report well child exams include:

- An Evaluation and Management Code from the series 99201-99215 with an appropriate well care diagnosis (*V20.2, V70.0, V70.3, V70.5, V70.6, V70.8, V70.9*)
- In a clinic setting, revenue center codes 51X with an appropriate well childcare diagnosis (*V20.2, V70.0, V70.3, V70.5, V70.6, V70.8, V70.9*) to indicate provision of a comprehensive well care visit.
- T1015, the general clinic encounter code must be combined with either age-appropriate preventative care codes, or E and M codes combined with a well-child care diagnosis, to indicate a well care visit.

Note: Use of these other codes instead of a preventative care procedure code enable a visit to count as a well child visit when DSS or HUSKY MCOs determine how many well child visits each child has received per year. However, use of the new forms does not change DSS or MCO policy regarding reimbursement for specific codes.