



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.7

Subject:	TENNderCARE Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Standards (EPSDT)
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105(3); 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 4-JCF-4C-16, and 4-JCF-4C-03; DCS Practice Standard: 7-106 A, 7-108 B, 7-109 B, 7-111 B, 7-112 B, 7-113 C, 7-114 C, 7-115 C, 7-120- C, 7-121 C, and 8-306; COA: PA-FC 10.01-10.03, PA-KC 10.01-10.04.
Application:	All DCS Staff
Policy Statement:	
All children/youth in DCS custody shall receive timely and appropriate health care services. Prevention-oriented services promote the early identification of conditions that can impede children's natural growth and development and also cover the diagnostic and treatment services necessary to ameliorate acute and chronic physical and mental conditions. EPSDT is the gateway through which DCS can access services to meet the physical and emotional health care needs of children and youth in DCS custody.	
Purpose:	
Many children/youth in the foster care system have multiple and complex medical, mental health, and developmental needs. Providing a range of preventative and therapeutic health care services supports the overall development and well-being of children/youth in foster care and increases their ability to find permanence and to grow to become healthy adults.	
Procedures:	
A. EPSDT/TENNder CARE defined	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is the Federal Medicaid (TennCare) program intended to provide preventive health care for children/youth enrolled in a state Medicaid program. 2. TENNderCARE is the name of the EPSDT program in Tennessee. DCS coordinates EPSDT services for all children in care including those who are not TennCare eligible. TENNderCARE provides periodic screenings, diagnostic services, and all medically necessary treatments.
B. EPSDT screening guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An EPSDT screening consists of seven components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comprehensive health and developmental history b) Comprehensive unclothed physical exam c) Age-appropriate immunization

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Age-appropriate lab tests e) Health education f) Vision screen g) Hearing screen <p>2. EPSDT screenings are completed according to the periodicity schedule established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Screenings are completed annually for children/youth age 3 years and older and more frequently for children under the age of 3 years.</p>
C. EPSDT diagnosis and treatment standards	All medically necessary diagnosis and treatment services are coordinated for children/youth in DCS custody.
D. Documentation of EPSDT services	All EPSDT services are documented in TFACTS .

Forms:	<p><i>Forms listed below are necessary for completion of EPSDT documentation</i></p> <p><u>CS-0543, Well-Being Information and History</u></p> <p><u>CS-0114, Health Screening for Youth in Residential Treatment Facilities</u></p> <p><u>CS-0708, EPSDT Physical Examination</u></p> <p><u>CS-0689, Health Services Confirmation and Follow Up Notification</u></p> <p><u>CS-0206, Authorization for Routine Health Services for Minors</u></p>
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Collateral documents:	<u>Protocol for TENNderCARE Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Standards</u>
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