

EPSD&T Medical and Dental exams during COVID-19 3/30/2020 Update

EPSDT Medical

1. As of 3/26/2020, all Health Department locations under the TN Department of Health are providing services for all youth in state's custody, including both initial and annual EPSD&T's. If the Health Department is your region's usual EPSD&T location, please contact them to schedule an appointment.
 - If you can't get an appointment, please notify Lisa Pellegrin and Julie Rotella so that this information can be tracked.
 - Call youth's PCP to schedule a Well Child Exam/EPSDT Medical
2. If your usual EPSD&T location is an independent Health Department (examples: Shelby, Knox) and it is closed, call youth's PCP to schedule a Well Child Exam/EPSDT Medical.
 - If you do not know who the PCP is and can't find it on the insurance card, call TennCare at 1-800-451-9147 or email the Select Kids inbox, SelectKids_GM@bcbst.com.
3. If you are unable to get an appointment with the Health Department or PCP, contact a provider in the TennCare or Blue Care Select network. You can [find a provider](#) at the following link:
https://bcbst.vitalschoice.com/?network_id=6&geo_location=36.0582,-83.9147&locale=en_us&ci=DFT
4. If you schedule an appointment at a different location than usual:
 - Take CS-1096 DCS EPSDT Screening Report (on the server) to the appointment
 - The FSW must send/scan the above documents to Child Health for them to be updated in TFACTS as EPSDT Medical, the PCP or other provider will not automatically fax them
 - In addition to the above report, request Clinic Notes from the PCP appointment
 - Please put EPSDT Medical in the subject line and scan to your region's Well Being Unit.
 - If the location is not the PCP, please contact your HAR so that we can track this. Include Child name, TFACTS person ID, DOB, date of service, and name of provider.
5. If the youth's healthcare provider says it is not appropriate for the child to come to a visit for health reasons, please email the youth's name, person ID, provider's name and any available provider documentation to the DCS nurse and the HAR so that a GCE can be requested.
6. If you are a provider and would like to have EPSD&T's conducted on site rather than at the Health Department, please see below under "DCS EPSD&T Screening Waiver Criteria."

EPSDT Dental

Per the Governor's Executive Order 18, well dental exams have been suspended and a Good Cause Exception will be entered into the system for you, no further action is required at this time. Dental GCE's are good through 6/24/2020. Those with a due date prior to 3/24/2020 will have a Dental screening GCE starting 3/24/2020 and ending on 6/24/2020.

As always, if there is a dental emergency, please contact the dental provider so the child can be seen.

DCS EPSDT Screening Waiver Criteria

If a provider would like to render EPSD&T services to DCS children on site rather than to take them to the Health Department, they will need a waiver from DCS. Professionals eligible to conduct EPSD&T's include Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Medical Doctors. If approved, waivers include an initial (72 hour or 30 day) EPSDT screening, inter-periodic EPSDT screenings, and annual EPSDT screenings. If approved for a waiver, the following instructions apply:

Council on Accreditation (COA) standards require that DCS children have a health screening within 72 hours of coming into custody and then an EPSDT screening exam within 30 days of the date of custody. If the child can have an EPSDT exam within 72 hours then the child does not have to have two screenings, one for a 72 hour health screening and another for an EPSDT screening exam within 30 days of coming into custody. The DCS Forms website includes the forms that are used to document these types of exams: [EPSD&T Screening Report CS-1096](#) and [72 Hour Health Screening Report CS-1097](#).

DCS tracks all seven (7) components of the completed EPSD&T screening so the documentation needs to reflect that all seven components are addressed. It is acceptable not to deliver immunizations if none are due, or labwork if none is ordered.

Once the EPSDT screening is completed, the provider faxes or scans the EPSDT report to the child/youth's home county regional Child Health team within 2 business days. The home county regional Child Health team is determined by the county in which the child was placed into custody. A list of regional Child Health teams can be found on the EPSD&T form. If you are unable to determine which team is responsible for the child, you can call or send the report to any of the Child Health teams and they will help get it to the right place.

If you would like to pursue a waiver for your facility, please submit answers to the following questions to Patricia.Slade@tn.gov and Lisa.Pellegrin@tn.gov.

1. Names and credentials of the medical staff who will be doing the EPSDT exams.
2. Will they be billing TennCare Select?
3. How frequently will they come to your facility to do EPSDT exams?
4. Will they provide immunizations? If not how will these services be provided?
5. Will they provide laboratory testing? If not how will these services be provided?
6. Will it be possible to send EPSDT reports to DCS regional Child Health team within 2 business days?
7. If a new custody child is placed with you before obtaining a 72 hour health screening or EPSDT exam, will the medical provider be able to do either an immediate health screening or an EPSDT exam?