

## Changes to the Cost-Effectiveness Bonus Calculation Methodology

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Alabama Medicaid presented the updated methodology for the cost-effectiveness bonus.

If you missed the presentation or would like to review it, a recording of the webinar and the accompanying PowerPoint can be found at:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0\\_Managed\\_Care/5.1\\_ACHN/5.1.3\\_ACHN\\_Providers.aspx](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.3_ACHN_Providers.aspx)

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## ACHN Provider eBook

Dr. N. Rao Thotakura, Medical Director for NACC, has created an eBook as a reference tool for providers. Topics include:

- **ACHN program overview**
- **ACHN Organizations:**
  - Regions Map
  - Organization listed by county
  - Contact information
  - Overview of Care Coordination services
- **Provider Participation Requirements**
- **Provider Agreements**
- **Medicaid Eligibility and Covered Services**
- **PCP Information**
  - Provider selection and referral requirements
  - Reimbursements and payments
  - Patient attribution
  - Quality Improvement and incentives
  - Quality Measure and Cost Effectiveness Scorecards
  - MARA Scoring
  - Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
  - Medical Management Meetings
- **DHCP Information**
  - OB/GYN covered services
  - Provider selection and referral requirements
  - Care Coordination
  - Quality Improvement
  - Reimbursements and Payments
- **Family Planning Services**
- **BMI Requirements**
- **Pharmacy Preferred Drug Lists**
- **Where to access Alabama Medicaid Agency Presentations, Alerts, and Updates**

The eBook can be found at:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0\\_Managed\\_Care/5.1\\_ACHN/5.1.3\\_ACHN\\_Providers/5.1.3\\_ACHN\\_eBook\\_2022\\_1-27-22.pdf](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.3_ACHN_Providers/5.1.3_ACHN_eBook_2022_1-27-22.pdf)

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## Understanding EPSDT (Well Child Check-Up)

The purpose of the EPSDT program is to identify actual or potential health problems in Medical-eligible children under age 21, and to screen, diagnose, and treat the problems before they become permanent, lifelong disabilities.

- **Early:** A Medicaid-eligible child should begin to receive high-quality preventive health care as early as possible in life.
- **Periodic:** Preventive health care occurring at regular intervals according to an established schedule that meets reasonable standards of medical, vision, hearing, and dental practice established by a recognized professional organization.
- **Screening:** A comprehensive, unclothed head-to-toe physical examination to identify those who may need a further diagnosis, evaluation, and/or treatment of their physical and mental problems.
- **Diagnosis:** The determination of the nature or cause of physical or mental disease, conditions, or abnormalities identified during a screening.
- **Treatment:** Any type of health care or other measures provided to correct or ameliorate defects, physical and mental illnesses, or chronic conditions identified during a screening.

Periodic screenings are performed on a schedule based upon the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Health Supervision III.

- **Ages 0-2 years:** Months 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, and 2 years of age.
- **Annually\*:** Through age 20 beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. (\*per calendar year)

### Types of Screenings:

- Initial Screening
- Interperiodic Screening
- Vision Screening
- Emotional and Behavioral Screening
- Periodic Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Dental Screening

**For complete information regarding EPSDT, please see the Provider Manual, Appendix A.**

### The Importance of the Annual Well Check for Adults and Children

Annual exams play a vital role in preventative care by establishing how the patient is on their best day and better helping them on their worst day. This approach allows physicians to build a more complete understanding of how lifestyle affects health and enables better care for when their patients are sick. As with most relationships, the key to success is trust. Approach the role in annual visits as a coach, mentor, counselor, and confidant. The annual exam gives the perfect opportunity to encourage a healthy diet, exercise, and preventative care. It also provides an opportunity to talk and reaffirm the physician-patient relationship even if there is no specific complaint.

### We Can Help!

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