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**TO: Medicaid Providers**  
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**RE: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Benefits**  
Physical, Occupational and Speech Ancillary Therapies

Dear Providers:

The EPSDT benefit is designed to provide comprehensive and preventative health care services for Medicaid enrolled children under the age of 21. EPSDT services have always been an essential benefit designed to ensure children and adolescents receive the appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental, and specialty services. In the past, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) required all providers to obtain a Provider Type (PT) 45 number in order to bill traditional Medicaid for services provided to members through the EPSDT benefit.

The ancillary therapy services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy for children were previously provided through the EPSDT benefit are now covered under other State Plan services and are not billable through the EPSDT 45 provider number. Effective July 1, 2015 if your agency plans to continue to provide these services, you will need to bill with the appropriate provider type according to the therapy being provided.

For example, if you are a waiver provider and your agency utilizes an EPSDT provider number to bill for these ancillary therapy services, your claims will not process after close of business on June 30, 2015. If your agency would like to continue to provide these ancillary therapy services, you must qualify for the appropriate provider type and complete a provider enrollment packet to obtain a provider number (PT 87 for physical therapy, PT 88 for

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occupational therapy, and PT 79 for Speech Language Pathology). The Provider Licensing and Certification Branch is expediting these applications upon receipt. Please include a letter requesting expedited service.

Beginning July 1, 2015 your agency should bill these ancillary services through the appropriate PT number. If your agency is providing speech therapy services to a client who is enrolled in the Michelle P. Waiver program, the billing would be submitted utilizing the PT 79 Medicaid enrolled provider number. As of July 1, 2015, if your agency bills this service with the EPSDT (PT 45) provider number, the claim will be denied. Your agency's EPSDT provider number will end-date effective July 1, 2015 regardless of whether or not you have enrolled in another provider type.

If you currently contract with another agency that is not an enrolled Medicaid provider and bill for the services of that agency, DMS encourages you to request that the agency become a direct Medicaid provider. Otherwise, the agency will not be permitted to provide services to the member after July 1, 2015.

If your agency is currently enrolled as a Medicaid provider who is eligible to provide these ancillary therapies (i.e., Home Health agencies), your agency does not need to obtain a separate provider number. Your agency should continue to bill therapies as you have previously done.

DMS also recommends that you contact the Office of Inspector General Division of Health Care to ensure that you understand any Kentucky non-Medicaid laws and regulations that must be followed by practitioners when providing services in the areas of speech, occupational and physical therapy. The Division may be reached by calling 502-564-7963.

All other requirements related to the EPSDT benefit have not changed. All prior authorization and medical necessity requirements are still active. Should you have any questions about EPSDT, please contact the EPSDT Manager at (502) 564-9444. Any questions regarding enrollment in the Kentucky Medicaid Program may be directed to the Provider Licensing Branch at 1-877-838-5085. Additional information regarding provider enrollment may be found at the following web address: <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/provEnr/>. DMS will continue to work with providers to ensure a smooth transition throughout this process.

Sincerely,



Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner

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