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Ohio's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program

than age 21 with comprehensive and preventive health care services, known as the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. Ohio's EPSDT Program is called Healthchek. Healthchek services include prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Healthchek offers a comprehensive exam, which includes the following components:

- medical history and an unclothed physical exam,
- education and/or anticipatory guidance,
- assessment of proper development,
- assessment for immunization, nutrition, dental and vision ,
- screening for exposure to lead, and
- other age-appropriate screenings.

In managed care service delivery , Ohio Medicaid's responsibility to implement federal EPSDT standards is fulfilled via managed care plan (MCP) contractual requirements that ensure access to age-appropriate Healthchek services. MCPs must also inform members of the availability of Healthchek services and how to access them. Medicaid managed care enrollees are instructed to contact their primary care physician and request a Healthchek exam. MCPs also educate Medicaid providers about the importance of completing all prescribed Healthchek services, including diagnosis and treatment.

The federal government requires state Medicaid programs to provide consumers younger

In addition to a focus on preventive health, MCPs are also required to provide targeted case management services to members younger than age 21 identified as having special health care needs due to chronic or complex medical conditions. Children for whom these services must be provided include children age 17 and younger who are pregnant, and members younger than age 21 with conditions including: asthma, HIV/AIDS, chronic conditions for which counseling or treatment is needed or conditions that qualify the child for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). In addition, children participating with the Ohio Department of Health's Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMHC) must also receive targeted case management.

In order to ensure that managed care enrollees have access to high quality and preventive health care services, OHP monitors the MCPs' performance by establishing minimum standards in key program areas. Examples of these measures include:

- children's access to primary care,
- case management rates for children,
- well-child visits for the first 15 months of life, age 3-6 12-21 years,
- annual dental visits, and
- blood lead screenings.

To date, Medicaid MCPs have demonstrated consistent improvement in the percent of children receiving routine and regular preventive health visits. ODJFS will continue to monitor and enforce these performance measures with the statewide expansion of Medicaid Managed Care.

ABD Managed Care Starts Up In Southwest Ohio

On Jan. 1, 2007, eligible ABD Medicaid consumers living in the Southwest managed care region could begin enrolling in Medicaid Managed Care. The Southwest region comprises Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties. The Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs) serving this region are Amerigroup Ohio, Inc., Buckeye Community Health Plan and Molina Health Care of Ohio, Inc. Eligible consumers will receive an announcement letter and a consumer guide this month, which will outline Medicaid Managed Care and provide specific information regarding the MCPs serving consumers in this region. Eligible Medicaid consumers in this region should call 1-800-605-3040 (1-800-292-3572 TDD/TTY) with questions or for assistance in choosing an MCP that best meets their needs.

