



Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Comprehensive Dental Benefit

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana is sharing [Information Bulletin: 25-06](#) on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program is a comprehensive Medicaid benefit for individuals under 21. It ensures access to all medically necessary health care, screenings, diagnostics, treatments, and other measures to improve physical or mental conditions, as mandated by federal law (42 CFR Part 441 Subpart B).

Key points include:

- Eligibility: Medicaid beneficiaries under 21.
- Services: Includes health care, screenings, diagnostics, treatments, and dental care.
- Dental Care: Covers pain relief, infection treatment, tooth restoration, dental health maintenance, emergency care, preventative care, and therapeutic care.
- Medically Necessary Services: Must meet evidence-based medical standards and be necessary to diagnose, correct, cure, alleviate, or prevent worsening conditions. They must be the most effective, conservative, and cost-efficient option available.
- Exclusions: Experimental, non-FDA approved, investigational, or cosmetic services are not covered.
- Role of DBPM: Educate providers and enrollees on EPSDT provisions and determine medical necessity.

For more details or questions, contact MedicaidDental@la.gov.

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