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Under federal regulations, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) service requires state Medicaid programs to provide dental services at intervals that meet reasonable standards of dental practice to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries less than 21 years of age.

In accordance with this regulation, a separate periodicity schedule for the delivery of dental services by dentists has been developed. This schedule is included both in the EPSDT Section of the Practitioner Chapter and in the Dental Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

The dental periodicity schedule is as follows:

FOR DENTISTS: An examination is recommended by age one. An examination by a dentist is required by age three. It is then recommended that dental visits be repeated every six months.

For further information on pediatric oral health, both the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) have published recommendations on preventive pediatric oral health care.

The AAP Bright Futures Practice Guides on pediatric oral health management can be found on the Internet at <http://brightfutures.aap.org> >> Materials >> Practice Guides on Oral Health, Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity.

AAPD guidelines on periodicity of examination, preventive dental services, anticipatory guidance and oral treatment for children can be found on the internet at <http://www.aapd.org> >> Policies and Guidelines >> Infant Oral Health Care (Under Clinical Guidelines).

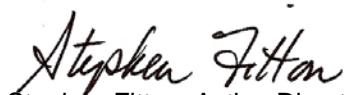
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Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

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