



## EPSDT Services and Claims Submission

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.  
The WellCare Group of Companies

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Dear Physicians and Providers,

The purpose of this communication is to clarify WellCare's policy concerning which providers can bill for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) services.

Any provider credentialed for the WellCare network as a primary care physician is to perform and/or arrange for the provision of EPSDT services to eligible individuals within his or her membership panel. Eligibility applies to Medicaid members under 21 years and to PeachCare for Kids members under 19 years.

WellCare's practice is in contrast to the Fee For Service (FFS) Medicaid program in which providers apply specifically for recognition within the Health Check category of service, which represents the Early and Periodic Screening components of the EPSDT program. A WellCare provider does not need to be "registered" as a Health Check provider in order to bill for services rendered.

For additional information on the EPSDT program, including care guidelines and appropriate claims coding detail, please review the EPSDT Guidelines section of the Provider Handbook at:

<http://georgia.wellcare.com/Providers/ProviderManual.aspx>,

call the WellCare of Georgia, Inc. Provider Hotline at **(866) 231-1821**, or contact your Provider Relations Representative.

Sincerely,  
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