

## **PEDIATRIC PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

CenCal Health includes in its benefits package to Members, coverage for initial health assessments, periodic health assessments, and immunizations.

The periodic health assessment guidelines for all Members under age 21 are in accordance with the most recent recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and immunization recommendations for all Members are in accordance with the most recent Childhood Immunization Schedule approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Such assessments shall include but are not limited to:

1. Comprehensive and developmental history (including assessment of both physical and mental health development).
2. Unclothed physical examination including assessment of physical growth.
3. Assessment of nutritional status.
4. Vision screen.
5. Hearing screen.
6. Immunizations appropriate to age and health history necessary to make status current.
7. Laboratory tests appropriate to age and sex, including tests for anemia, diabetes, and urinary tract infections.
8. Tuberculin skin test.
9. Testing for sickle cell trait, when appropriate.
10. Lead testing.
11. Health education and anticipatory guidance appropriate to age and health status.

CenCal Health contracts with all interested health care providers in its service area who qualify to participate as pediatric Primary Care Physicians, are licensed, meet credentialing standards, and who have been certified by the local health department's Child Health and Disability Prevention Program.

CenCal Health's Member Services department notifies members in writing of the recommended schedule for pediatric preventive services, the availability of health assessments and immunizations, the times and places where these services are available, the method by which appointments may be made and the importance of the completion of the pediatric preventive care health assessment process, completion of screening and related diagnostic and treatment services upon ineligibility or disenrollment from the Plan. The

members are encouraged to make an appointment for an initial health assessment within 120 days of enrollment, and the physicians are encouraged to provide such services within this timeframe.

For Members under 21 years, the initial health assessment follows the requirements of the Health and Safety Code, Sections 124025, and following, and Title 17, CCR, Section 6842 through 6852, except that the PCP should follow the most recent periodicity schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

PCPs should bill for preventive services using standard claim forms, and will be reimbursed at the rate specified in the provider's agreement. Most routine screenings (i.e. visual acuity screening) are included in the preventive care exam and are not separately billable. To determine whether a particular screening is separately billable, please contact your CenCal Health Claims Representative.

The current Schedule for Preventive Services for Children is available at <http://practice.aap.org/popup.aspx?aID=1625&language> and [www.cencalhealth.org/ensuring\\_quality/preventive\\_guide/CHDPPeriodicity.pdf](http://www.cencalhealth.org/ensuring_quality/preventive_guide/CHDPPeriodicity.pdf)