

# CMS's Recent Medicaid and CHIP Guidance Bolsters Comprehensive Care for Beneficiaries

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As part of Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements, nearly half the nation's children are entitled to receive a comprehensive range of preventative, diagnostic, and treatment services, including mental health care, well-child visits, and dental, vision and hearing services. [CMS's guidance](#), issued on September 26, outlines strategies and best practices for states in implementing the EPSDT requirements. Ensuring that eligible children receive these health care services is vital to improving their long-term health care outcomes.