

**215.000 Child Health Services (EPSDT) Dental Screening**

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The Child Health Services (EPSDT) periodic and interperiodic dental screening exams consist of an inspection of the oral cavity by a licensed dentist. The purpose of the dental screening exams is to check for obvious dental abnormalities and to assure access to needed dental care. Regular screening exams should be performed in accordance with the recommendations of the Child Health Service (EPSDT) periodicity schedule.

The Child Health Services (EPSDT) periodic dental screening exam is limited to two screening exams per every six (6) months plus one (1) day for individuals under age 21. These benefits may be extended if documentation is provided that verifies medical necessity. See Section 262.100 to view the procedure code for periodic dental screening exams.

Individuals under age 21 enrolled in the EPSDT Program may receive an interperiodic dental screening exam as often as is medically necessary. Prior authorization from the Division of Medical Services Dental Care Unit is required for this service and must be requested on the ADA Claim Form. [View or print form ADA-J400](#) or request prior authorization online with a brief narrative through the Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) Application Software or other vendor software. See Section 262.100 for the interperiodic dental screening exam procedure code.

Infant oral health care examinations must be based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Essential elements of an infant oral health care visit are a thorough medical and dental history, oral examination, parental counseling, preventive health education and determination of appropriate periodic re-evaluation. See Section 201.500 for information regarding the dentist's role in the EPSDT Program.