South Dakota Medicaid
Well-Child Care

A guide to keeping your child healthy

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Well-child visits help make sure babies, children and teens get the care they need to be and stay healthy.

All children and teens need regular check-ups. Your child may look or feel healthy, but he or she could have a health problem.

**Getting regular well-child check-ups helps children and teens stay healthy by:**

- Finding health problems early. Regular check-ups help find problems before they become serious.
- Preventing illness by making sure children get the right immunizations.

Well-child check-ups can also be used for Headstart and daycare admission as well as sports physicals.

**What do well-child check-ups include?**

- A complete health and developmental history;
- Comprehensive physical exam;
- Needed immunizations;
- Necessary lab tests;
- Screenings such as vision, hearing, developmental and behavioral; and
- Advice on how to keep your child healthy.

If a problem is found, a follow-up and referral to a specialist by Medicaid are covered.
Other preventive services:

- Dental cleanings every six months.
- Vision exams and eye glasses with an eye doctor.
- SD Quitline for help for you or your child to stop smoking or chewing tobacco.

What should I bring to the appointment?

It’s helpful for your child’s PCP to know your child’s full medical history. Remember to ask the clinic when you schedule the appointment about what medical documents you need to bring to the appointment.

Don’t forget to bring your child’s Medicaid ID card!

Can I be reimbursed for out-of-town travel to medical appointments?

You may be reimbursed for non-emergency medical transportation for mileage, lodging and meals. Transportation must be to the closest medical facility or medical provider capable of providing the necessary services. The service must be a Medicaid-covered service provided by a medical provider who is enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid. For more information, please call 1.866.403.1433 or visit dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/title19transportation.aspx.
When should my child get a well-child check-up?

Children and teens ages 3 to 20 years old need a well-child check-up each year. They should also get a dental check-up every year and see an eye doctor for an eye exam.

Babies and toddlers need check-ups more often. They should get 12 check-ups before they are 3 years old. Please refer to the check-up schedule on page 5.

SD Medicaid will mail you a reminder to schedule a well-child check-up during the month of your child’s birthday.

How do I schedule a well-child check-up?

If your child is due for a well-child check-up, please contact your child’s Primary Care Provider (PCP) to schedule an appointment. Your child’s PCP may have a busy schedule; it may take time to schedule an appointment.

To ensure your child doesn’t miss a future well-child check-up, SD Medicaid recommends trying these strategies:

• Schedule the appointment 1 to 2 months in advance.

• Set a reminder in your phone or calendar to schedule an appointment.

• Schedule your next appointment while at the clinic.

• When you have more than one child, try coordinating appointments when possible.
Do older children and teens need well-child care?

Check-ups aren’t just for babies and toddlers. Older children and teens need regular check-ups too! Well-child check-ups can also be used for sport physicals or other activities requiring health screens. (Remember to bring the school’s health screening paperwork with you to the well-child check-up).

- Older children and teens should get a check-up every year even if they feel healthy.
- Keep smiles healthy with a dental cleaning every six months.

As your child gets older, start involving them in their healthcare. Older children and teens can start taking charge of their health by:

- Making their own appointments.
- Going to appointments by themselves or asking a parent or a friend to go with them.
- Talking to their PCP about their health problems and concerns.
- Writing down questions to ask their PCP.
- Asking questions about the medicines they may need to take.
**Scheduling Well-Child Check-ups**

- 3-5 days
- 1 month
- 2 months
- 4 months
- 9 months
- 6 months
- 15 months
- 18 months
- 30 months
- 24 months

**KEY**
- Well-Child Check-ups
- Refer to immunization schedule
- Other recommended check-ups/screenings

A dental check-up for your child is recommended by age 1 and yearly thereafter.

Lead screening is required at 12 and 24 months, and as directed by your child’s PCP.

Check-ups are recommended every year around your child’s birthday.

Vision check-ups are recommended by age 5 and yearly thereafter.

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**Recommended Immunization Schedule**

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How do I find a dentist?

• To find a list of enrolled dentists please visit www.insurekidsnow.gov/state/sd/find-a-dentist/.

• If you’re unable to access the internet, call local dental offices in your area to see if they are accepting new patients. Call Delta Dental at 1.800.627.3961 if you are unable to locate a provider.

What do I need to know about blood lead testing?

Children are required to have blood lead testing at age 12 and 24 months. Talk to your child’s PCP about scheduling a catch-up test if your child has never been tested.

Why does my child need a blood lead test?

Lead exposure can impact nearly every system in the body, and often goes undetected because at low levels of exposure it can occur without any obvious symptoms. Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems and hearing and speech problems. The goal of lead screening is to assist children before they are harmed.
Contact Us

Phone numbers:
• South Dakota Medicaid:
  1.800.597.1603
• Delta Dental Number:
  1.800.627.3961
• SD Quits Number:
  1.866.SD.QUITS
• Title XIX Transportation Information:
  1.866.403.1433

Address:
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

Email:
DSS.MEDICAID@state.sd.us

Online:
dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/
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How do I know if my child is getting all of the recommended care?

☐ My child has a well-child check-up with his or her doctor every year.

☐ My child gets two teeth cleanings each year and has an exam with a dentist once a year.

☐ My child has a vision exam every year with an eye doctor.

☐ My child received a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months of age.

☐ My child is up to date on all immunizations according to the schedule.

☐ My child gets a flu shot every year.