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TO: Eligible Non-Institutional Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
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SUBJECT: Consolidation and Relocation of Rules for EPSDT Services

Coverage and payment policies for Medicaid services provided under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit—known in Ohio as "Healthchek"—were set forth in six rules located in Chapter 5160-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) as follows:

1. Rule 5160-14-01, "Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) mandatory services for medicaid recipients under twenty-one years of age," defined terms, set forth coverage provisions for screening services, and addressed scope of coverage.
2. Rule 5160-14-02, "Healthchek: eligible providers of early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services," listed eligible providers of EPSDT services.
3. Rule 5160-14-03, "Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) screening visits," listed the components of an EPSDT screening visit and required providers to make appropriate referrals.
4. Rule 5160-14-04, "Healthchek: reimbursement of early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services," gave instructions for claim submission and specified that payment may be made for certain additional services provided during or as part of an EPSDT screening visit.
5. Rule 5160-14-05, "Healthchek: covered diagnostic and treatment services under early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT)," listed types of diagnostic and treatment services covered under EPSDT.
6. Rule 5160-14-09, "Healthchek: environmental investigation for elevated blood levels under early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services environmental investigation," set forth coverage provisions for environmental assessments by incorporating a reference to Ohio Department of Health's OAC Chapter 3701-30.

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As a result of five-year rule review, these six rules have been rescinded and their provisions, which are summarized above, streamlined and consolidated into a new rule numbered 5160-1-14, "Healthchek: early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) services." Provisions in the rescinded rules have been moved to a new rule in Chapter 5160-1 because they apply to the entire range of Medicaid services. On the whole, the intent of the new rule remains the same as the previous rules, but a few differences should be noted:

- **Definitions:** Some definitions have been omitted in the new rule because they are already defined in the OAC chapter where the new rule resides. A definition of the "Bright Futures Guidelines" has been added to the new rule for clarity.
- **Providers:** Provider requirements have been consolidated into one paragraph of the new rule to avoid narrowing the definition of who is eligible to provide EPSDT services.
- **Screening Visits:** To be consistent with federal regulations, the language in the new rule was derived from the Social Security Act and State Medicaid Manual.
- **Claim Submission Instructions:** Claim submission guidance has been removed from rule. It will instead be posted on ODM's website with other provider claims submission instructions.
- **Coverage:** An unnecessary restriction on the coverage of habilitation service has been removed from rule.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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