

Behavioral Health Screening and Extra Reimbursement

If you are a primary care provider (PCP) for Tufts Health Public Plans, you must conduct an Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) screening every time you see a *Tufts Health Together* (MassHealth) patient younger than 21 for a well-child visit. In accordance with the state-mandated Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI), you must complete a behavioral health assessment as part of the EPSDT screening. This will help you meet care requirements *and* receive extra reimbursement for your efforts.

What is EPSDT?

EPSDT is a mandated program designed to screen, detect, diagnose, and treat any health problems in children. These screening services include health, vision, dental, hearing, behavioral health, developmental, and immunization status. A table outlining the accepted screening tools for providers to use is available on our website.

How will you get reimbursed?

When you conduct the behavioral health screening and file a claim using CPT code 96110, we will reimburse you nearly \$10 in addition to the payment for the EPSDT screening. You must use a modifier code to indicate whether or not there was a behavioral health need identified for us to pay the claim.

Modifiers for use with service code 96110

Please refer to the table below for the appropriate modifier to use.

Servicing provider	Modifier for use when behavioral health need identified*	Modifier for use when behavioral health need identified*
Physician, independent nurse midwife, independent nurse practitioner, community health center (CHC), outpatient hospital department (OPD)	U1	U2
Nurse midwife employed by physician or CHC	U3	U4
Nurse practitioner employed by physician or CHC	U5	U6
Physician assistant employed by physician or CHC	U7	U8

* “Behavioral health need identified” means that the provider administering the screening tool, in her or his professional judgment, identifies a child with a potential behavioral health services need.

For more information

Please visit us at tuftshealthplan.com or call your provider relations representative at 888-257-1985 if you have any questions.



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