

CHAPTER 84  
EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT

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**441—84.1(249A) Definitions.**

“*Diagnosis*” is the determination of the nature of physical or mental disease or abnormality.

“*Screening*” is the use of quick, simple procedures to sort out apparently well persons from those who may have a disease or abnormality and to identify those in need of more definitive study.

**441—84.2(249A) Eligibility.** All persons eligible for medical assistance under age 21 are eligible for early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

**441—84.3(249A) Screening services.** Screening may be done by a screening center or other qualified providers. Other qualified providers are physicians, family and pediatric nurse practitioners, rural health centers, federally qualified health centers, clinics, and dentists. Screening services shall include all of the following services:

**84.3(1)** A comprehensive health and developmental history including an assessment of both physical and mental health development. This includes:

- a. A developmental assessment.
- b. An assessment of nutritional status.

**84.3(2)** A comprehensive unclothed physical examination. This includes:

- a. Physical growth.
- b. A physical inspection including ear, nose, mouth, throat, teeth, and all organ systems such as pulmonary, cardiac, and gastrointestinal.

**84.3(3)** Appropriate immunizations according to age and health history as recommended through the vaccines for children program.

**84.3(4)** Health education including anticipatory guidance.

**84.3(5)** Hearing and vision screening.

**84.3(6)** Appropriate laboratory tests. These shall include:

- a. Hematocrit or hemoglobin.
- b. Rapid urine screening.
- c. Lead toxicity screening for all children aged 12 to 72 months.
- d. Tuberculin test, when appropriate.
- e. Hemoglobinopathy screening.
- f. Serology, when appropriate.

**84.3(7)** Direct dental referral for children over age one.

**441—84.4(249A) Referral.**

**84.4(1)** The availability of early and periodic screening shall be discussed with the payee for any Medicaid-eligible child under the age of 21 at the time of application and periodically thereafter, but no less often than at the time of the annual in-person review.

**84.4(2)** Screening shall be offered to each eligible individual according to the periodicity schedule in 441—subrule 78.18(3) when screening has been accepted, or on at least an annual basis when screening has been rejected.

**84.4(3)** When an individual has not had a screening examination during the preceding 12 months, the worker shall discuss the desirability of the screening with the recipient at the time of the next review. When the recipient agrees to the referral, the worker shall complete Form MA-2119-0, Referral for Screening, and have the recipient sign it.

**441—84.5(249A) Follow up.** Follow-up services shall be provided when a referral for screening was accepted, but 60 days have elapsed and no screening examination has been performed, and when a screening examination discloses a possible abnormal condition and a referral was made for further diagnosis or treatment and such diagnosis or treatment has not been received within a period of 60 days from the date of the screening examination.

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