

## When do I need to get a checkup?

Getting a checkup at the right time is the best way to make sure your child gets the medical care he or she needs.

**Babies** need checkups at:

- ✓ 1 month
- ✓ 2 months
- ✓ 4 months
- ✓ 6 months
- ✓ 9 months
- ✓ 12 months (1 year)

**Toddlers** need checkups at:

- ✓ 15 months
- ✓ 18 months
- ✓ 24 months (2 years)

**Young Children** need checkups at:

- ✓ 3 years (36 months)
- ✓ 4 years
- ✓ 5 years
- ✓ 6 years

**Older Children and Teenagers** need:

- ✓ a checkup every year



## What do I need to do?

Make an appointment for a well-child checkup!

If you are on Medicaid, call your child's primary care doctor to find out who he or she should see for the well-child checkup (sometimes called a screening). Sometimes it will be your child's doctor. Other times it may be a nurse with special training. If you need help finding your child's doctor, call 1-800-362-1504.

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**Who needs  
a Well-Child  
Checkup?**



# Checkups are for all children!

*Here's what you need to know about well-child checkups!*

## 1. Checkups are FREE

If your child is on Medicaid, he or she can get FREE well-child checkups! Well-child checkups are doctor visits you go to when you are well. Well-child checkups are where you find out how to stay healthy or if you have any problems that need to be treated right away. Checkups are a time for you to ask questions about any health concerns you have about your child.



## 2. You go for checkups at certain times

There are certain times your child needs a well-child checkup. For example, because babies change a lot, they need 9 different checkups before age 2 (Look on the back of this paper for a list of the times you need to go.) After age 2, your child needs a well-child checkup every year until he or she is an adult (age 21).

Well-child checkups are sometimes called screenings or EPSDT visits. Don't worry! It means the same thing. What really counts is that your child goes for all of the checkups he or she needs to be healthy!



## 3. You get a complete exam

When you have a well-child checkup, your checkup doctor or nurse will give your child a complete exam. He or she will check:

- \* to see if your child is growing as he or she should,
- \* for ear or eye problems,
- \* for sugar diabetes,
- \* for low blood or sickle cell disease,
- \* for stomach problems,
- \* for any mental, emotional or substance abuse problems
- \* to see if any shots or tests are needed, and
- \* on any medical problems your child has.

## 4. You can get extra visits and care

Medicaid will pay for different types of care. Medical, vision, hearing and behavior screenings, plus follow-up care are covered. If medically necessary, Medicaid also pays for services to treat mental and emotional health issues and substance abuse. If an issue is found during a check-up or screening visit, your doctor can refer you to a specialist or for more testing. Note: Some services may need special approval.

Medicaid will also pay for a ride to get this care. Call 1-800-362-1504 to set up a ride.

