

WHERE DO I APPLY?

If you are a Medicaid recipient (except Medically Needy) you may apply for EPSDT services by calling or contacting a health care provider.

If you are not a Medicaid recipient you may apply at the Essex County Division of Welfare Office Nearest you. The addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

Military Park Service Center

18 Rector Street, 1st fl.

Newark, NJ

(973) 733-2440/2468

Westside Service Center

18 Rector Street, 3rd fl.

Newark, NJ

(973) 733-2487

Downtown Service Center

18 Rector Street, 7th fl.

Newark, NJ

(973) 733-2360

Food Stamp Office

50 S. Clinton Street, 1st fl.

East Orange, NJ

(973)395-8000



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**HOW TO OBTAIN HELP
FOR
EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING,
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT)**

Benefits In Essex County

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**What is Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis
And Treatment?**

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) is a program which provides free medical and dental check-ups for Medicaid eligible recipients under 21 years of age. Problems can be identified early and can be treated through regular check-ups before they become more serious. These services are free to recipients. The only exception is that participants in the Medically Needy Program are not eligible for free EPSDT services.

An enhanced aspect of EPSDT, called Health Start, provides case management, follow-up and support services for pregnant women and EPSDT children under 2 years. Certified Health Start providers can determine a pregnant woman to be presumptively eligible and immediately provide free services. The woman then has 45 days to file an application for Medicaid.

**HOW MUCH INCOME AND RESOURCES CAN I HAVE
AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE?**

Your total gross monthly income and the total value of all of your resources must be less than the maximum amounts allowed by the Medicaid benefit program (excluding Medically Needy) for which you are eligible.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR
EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS
AND TREATMENT SERVICES?**

If you are a Medicaid recipient (except Medically Needy) you may apply for EPSDT Services by calling or contacting a health care provider, such as a doctor, dentist, clinic, health center, health department or pre-paid health plan. A pregnant woman who is not currently on Medicaid may apply for presumptive eligibility with a certified Health Start provider.

If you require assistance identifying, locating, or arranging for EPSDT services you may contact your worker at Welfare.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

- To arrange for regular check-ups. When making an Appointment be sure to say that you want an EPSDT examination.
- Keep a record of your child's immunizations and bring this record with you when you go for services.
- Bring proof of current Medicaid eligibility when obtaining services. If a pregnant woman applying for Health Start presumptive eligibility, bring proof of all income and resources.
- Cooperate with all appropriate recommendations for follow-up and or treatment services.
- Keep all appointments.