



## Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) *Quality Improvement Project*

### Why is the EPSDT QI Project needed?

We know that well care is a fundamental component of the improving health of children over the last four decades. “Research has shown that evidence-based preventive services can save lives and improve health by identifying illnesses earlier, managing them more effectively, and treating them before they develop into more complicated, debilitating conditions, and that some services are also cost-effective.” In Tennessee, the rate of children participating in annual EPSDT screens has slowly declined from 64 percent in 2011 to 54 percent in 2016. The rates are much lower in adolescent populations (40-50%). The current system must be improved through practice collaboration, or it will not be sustainable, effective or succeed in its current goals.

### What’s included?

This project will assist ambulatory pediatric practices in improving annual, well care visit completion rates by providing training on Quality Improvement, components of a well visit exam, correct coding and documentation. These rates will increase through the implementation and sustainment of several process changes.

### What’s our goal?

To increase the percentage of children seen in office who are up to date on their last well check up by 5% for children ages 0-21 over the 6-12 month project.

### How can YOU get involved?

- Participate in quality improvement training
- Participate in EPSDT and Coding Training
- Establish a QI Team
- Implement recommended process changes
- Run data reports on the EMR monthly
- Review monthly data reports
- Implement evidence-based process changes
- Use the Model for Improvement with a minimum of four Plan, Do, Study Act cycles to implement chosen process changes
- Participate in at least two coaching sessions with the Quality Coach

### Personalized Support to Practice

- Monthly analysis of Data
- Run Charts of Progress
- Periodic check-ins with practices by phone
- Assistance with Plan, Do, Study Act cycles
- Onsite consultation as needed

These trainings and resources are provided free of charge!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

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