

Section 2 Maryland EPSDT Preventive Health Care Schedule

The *Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule* adheres to standards established by state and federal regulations. The Schedule defines how often a child/adolescent should have a preventive care visit and closely correlates to the schedule recommended by the *American Academy of Pediatrics* (AAP) and *Bright Futures in Practice* (Refer to Section 2). Since children eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) may be at greater risk for health problems than the general population, certain elements, such as lead testing, are required rather than optional. **The Schedule includes eight full preventive visits in the first year of life, three visits in the second year, two visits in the third year, and yearly visits three through 20 years of age.** Children older than six years of age should receive annual preventive well-child visits; however, preventive care visits may occur every two years when documented by the primary care provider as part of the plan of care. Additionally, the Schedule does not preclude more frequent preventive health visits, if documented as medically necessary. *The Maryland Healthy Kids Program Pediatric Visit Sheets (Encounter Forms)* are available to facilitate documentation of the required components (Refer to Section 7, Appendix I). The following defines the type of preventive care services that are included under the Maryland Healthy Kids Program.

A. INITIAL SCREENING SERVICES

Initial screening services include the full scope of comprehensive services outlined in the *Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule*. These services should be provided to all children when being seen for the first time by a Maryland Healthy Kids Program certified PCP. MCOs are responsible for ensuring that enrolled children have an initial screen with the PCP according to the following guidelines:

- Within 90 days of the enrollment date for children 2-20 years of age
- Within 30 days of the enrollment date for children under 2 years of age
- Within 30 days of enrollment for children in need of an initial evaluation for a health condition identified on the *Preventive Screen Questionnaire* (Refer to Section 7, Appendix II)
- At an interval consistent with the *Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule*, if the child was established in the PCP's practice prior to the child's MCO enrollment