



MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Medicaid Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: August 31, 2020

RE: Requests for Extended Ophthalmoscopy

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (**EPSDT**), known in Texas as Texas Health Steps (**THSteps**), refers to Medicaid's obligation to provide a comprehensive array of prevention, diagnostic and treatment services for infants, children and adolescents in the program. EPSDT is designed to ensure that children receive early detection and care, so that health problems are averted or diagnosed and treated as early as possible.

Retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) – according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)'s 2018 guidance *Screening Examination of Premature Infants for Retinopathy of Prematurity*, infants born premature or with low birth weight are at risk for developing ROP. Because of the usually predictable and sequential nature of ROP progression, and the proven benefits of timely treatment in reducing the risk of vision loss, efficacious care now requires that infants who are at risk receive carefully timed retinal examinations to identify treatment requiring ROP in time for that treatment to be effective.

Ophthalmoscopy (procedure codes 92201 and 92202) - Texas Medicaid Vision Services policy currently limits coverage of ophthalmoscopy procedure codes 92201 and 92202 to two services per year. With evidence of medical necessity, additional screening examinations of premature infants for ROP must be considered through the Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (CCP). Texas Health Steps-CCP is an expansion of the EPSDT service as mandated by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, which requires states to provide all medically necessary treatment for correction of physical or mental health conditions to THSteps-eligible clients (birth -20 years of age) when federal financial participation (FFP) is available.

El Paso Health does not require prior authorization for Extended Ophthalmoscopy services with a diagnosis of Retinopathy of Prematurity provided to El Paso Health Medicaid members and will conduct periodic monitoring of services.

Please contact our Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778 for any questions regarding this information.