



INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH HEALTH CHECK PROGRAM

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What is the purpose of the Health Check program?

To provide quality assurance and technical assistance to public and private health care providers in Georgia's Health Check Program for Fee For Service (FFS) Medicaid members.

What does the Health Check program offer?

The Health Check Program is staffed by experienced registered nurses who perform quality assurance program reviews, and offer technical assistance and training to public and private providers throughout the state. This includes on-site review of health records and inspection of required equipment and facilities, followed by sharing of findings with the providers and submitting required reports. The program also offers on-site and telephone technical assistance, and provides formal and informal training according to identified needs.

What is a Health Check Screen?

Health Check screening provides preventive and primary health care to infants, children, and adolescents based on recommended standards and best practices. Screenings consist of a comprehensive unclothed physical examination, a comprehensive health and developmental history, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, measurements, vision and hearing tests, certain laboratory procedures and lead risk assessment. Services are provided by physicians, nurse practitioners, and specially-trained public health nurses.

How many people does the Health Check program help?

In FY 2008, there were approximately 100,000 children in FFS Medicaid in Georgia.

Why is the Health Check program important?

Georgia's Health Check program helps to assure that health care providers have the knowledge and tools to conduct well child examinations, identify and/or treat health problems, and make appropriate and timely referrals. This may prevent exacerbation of children's health issues before they become complex or disabling and require more costly treatment. The need for quality assurance, technical assistance, and training to providers intensifies as more children are enrolled in Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids®, and continue to require comprehensive health screens. Quality assurance assures that providers are not only doing the right things, but also are doing them right.

Who is eligible for services provided by the program?

Health Check screening providers serving FFS Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® children are eligible for quality assurance, technical assistance and training.

Where are services located?

Health Check screening services are available in some hospital clinics, public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and private provider offices. Quality assurance, training and technical assistance is offered at the providers' location.

Outcome measures

Increase the number of FFS children and families that receive Health Check outreach services.

Increase the number of FFS Health Check members that receive Health Check screenings.

Legislative Authority

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