

# EPSDT Adolescent Screenings

**EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment)** is a benefit for all children enrolled in Medicaid up to the age of 21 years old. EPSDT ensures that comprehensive health screenings and services are provided to these members.



Two EPSDT-required adolescent screenings include the **depression screening** and the **tobacco, alcohol, and drug use screening**. These screenings should be completed utilizing a standardized screening tool.

## Depression screenings

- **Depression screenings** should be done at each well-child visit from **12 to 20 years old**. The CPT code is **96127**.
- If the risk assessment is positive, codes **99173, 99174, or 99177** may be used. After a positive depression screening, follow-up care should occur within 30 days. This can include a visit with a mental health specialist and also include referrals to other mental health services or treatment options.
- The **PHQ-9** (Patient Health Questionnaire-9) is a self-administered tool for screening and measuring the severity of depression.

## Tobacco, alcohol, and drug use screenings

- **Tobacco, alcohol, and drug use screenings** should be done at each well-child visit from **11 to 20 years old**. The CPT code is **96160**.
- If the risk assessment is positive, codes **99173, 99174, or 99177** may be used. This resource may be provided for members if the risk assessment is positive.
- You can find tobacco cessation resources by visiting [vdh.virginia.gov/tobacco-free-living/quit-now-virginia](http://vdh.virginia.gov/tobacco-free-living/quit-now-virginia).
- **CRAFFT** is a behavioral health screening tool for use with children under age 21 and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Substance Abuse. It consists of six questions developed to screen adolescents for high-risk alcohol and other drug use disorders simultaneously.

## Learn more

For more information on preventive care for pediatrics, visit the [American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule](#).