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TO: Arkansas Medicaid Health Care Providers – ARKids First-B

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SUBJECT: Provider Manual Update Transmittal #16

REMOVE

Section	Date
222.600	10-13-03
262.410	10-13-03
262.420	10-13-03

INSERT

Section	Date
222.600	12-1-04
262.410	12-1-04
262.420	12-1-04

Shaded portions of the sections to be inserted denote revisions in policy.

Explanation of Updates

Section 222.600 has been revised to delete the incorrect statement that nurse practitioners may provide newborn preventive health screens only. A new sentence has been inserted to explain that nurse practitioners are authorized, within their scope of practice, to provide other preventive health screens with primary care physician (PCP) referral.

Section 262.410 has been revised to explain ARKids First-B preventive health screens must be provided by the PCP of the participant or by PCP referral to a qualified practitioner.

Section 262.420 has been revised to correct grammatical errors.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Roy Jeffus, Director

Paper versions of this update transmittal have updated pages attached to file in your provider manual. See Section I for instructions on updating the paper version of the manual. For electronic versions, these changes will be automatically incorporated.

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222.600

Preventive Health Screens

12-1-04

The ARKids First-B Program supports preventive medicine by reimbursing primary care physicians (PCPs) who provide preventive health screens to ARKids First-B participants or **screening** providers to whom PCPs refer participants. ARKids First-B outreach efforts vigorously promote the program's emphasis on preventive health care. Participant cost sharing does not apply to covered preventive health **screens**, including those for newborns. **Refer to section 262.130 for preventive health screens procedure codes.**

Newborn screens do not require PCP referral. Certified nurse-midwives provide newborn screens only and therefore do not require a PCP referral. **Nurse practitioners, in addition to newborn preventive health screens, are authorized to provide other preventive health screens with PCP referral.**

262.410 Primary Care Physician Referral Requirements for Preventive Health Screens 12-1-04

All preventive health screens **99381-99385 or 99391-99395** for ARKids First-B participants must be provided by the primary care physician (PCP) of the participant **or by PCP referral to a qualified practitioner.**

Newborn preventive health screens are exempt from the PCP referral requirement.

Immunizations for childhood diseases are exempt from the PCP referral requirement.

262.420 Limitation on Laboratory Procedures Performed During a Preventive Health Screen 12-1-04

ARKids First-B preventive health screens will not include laboratory procedures unless the screen is performed by the recipient’s PCP, is conducted pursuant to a referral from the PCP or is included in the exceptions listed below.

Exceptions

The following tests are exempt from the above limitations and may continue to be billed in conjunction with a preventive health screen performed in accordance with existing Medicaid policy **only if they are performed within seven (7) calendar days following the screen:**

81000	81001	81002	83020	83655
85013	85014	85018	86580	86585

Claims for laboratory tests, other than those specified above, performed in conjunction with a preventive health screen will be denied unless the screen is performed by the PCP or pursuant to a referral from the PCP.