

2027 Preventive Schedule

Plan your child's care:

Know what your child needs and when to get it

Preventive or routine care helps your child stay well or finds problems early, when they are easier to treat. Most of these services may not have cost sharing if you use the plan's in-network providers. Make sure you know what is covered by your health plan and any requirements before you schedule any services for your child.

Services include Bright Futures recommendations. CHIP members may have additional preventive services and coverage. Please check the CHIP member booklet for further details of CHIP coverage of preventive services.

It's important to talk with your child's doctor. The frequency of services, and schedule of screenings and immunizations, depends on what the doctor thinks is right for your child.

Questions?



Call Member Service



Ask your doctor



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Children: Birth to 30 Months¹

GENERAL HEALTHCARE	BIRTH/ 3 – 5 DAYS	1M	2M	4M	6M	9M	12M	15M	18M	24M	30M
Annual Checkup* (Routine, not preschool- or daycare-related physical)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hearing Screening	●										
SCREENINGS											
Autism Screening									●	●	
Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening With Pulse Oximetry	●										
Developmental Screening						●			●		●
Hematocrit or Hemoglobin Anemia Screening							●				
Hepatitis C Screening		Per doctor's advice with maternal exposure during pregnancy									
Lead Screening**							●			●	
Mental, Emotional, Behavioral (MEB) Screening					●		●			●	
Newborn Blood Screening and Bilirubin	●										

* Routine checkup could include height and weight measures, behavioral and developmental assessment, and age-appropriate guidance. Additional: Instrument vision screening to assess risk for ages 1 and 2 years. Birth checkup is included as part of the maternity global benefit, the 3 – 5 day checkup occurs in the pediatrician office, ocular medication for newborns to prevent gonococcal ophthalmia.

** Per Bright Futures. Refer to state-specific recommendations as needed.

IMMUNIZATIONS*	BIRTH/ 3 – 5 DAYS	1M	2M	4M	6M	9M	12M	15M	18M	24M	30M
Chicken Pox							Dose 1				
COVID-19 Vaccine	Per doctor's advice										
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3			Dose 4			
Flu (Influenza)					Ages 6 months to 30 months: 1 or 2 doses annually						
Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3		Dose 3 or 4				
Hepatitis A							Dose 1		Dose 2		
Hepatitis B	Dose 1	Dose 2			Dose 3						
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)							Dose 1				
Pneumonia			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3		Dose 4				
Polio (IPV)			Dose 1	Dose 2	Ages 6 months to 18 months: Dose 3						
Rotavirus			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3						
RSV Vaccine	Per doctor's advice										

Children: 3 Years to 18 Years¹

GENERAL HEALTHCARE	3Y	4Y	5Y	6Y	7Y	8Y	9Y	10Y	11Y	12Y	15Y	18Y
Routine Checkup** (This exam is not the preschool- or day care- related physical)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Once a year from ages 11 – 18			
Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring***												●
Anxiety Screening						Once a year from ages 8 – 18						
Depression and Suicide Risk Screening										Once a year from ages 12 – 18		
Illicit Drug-Use Screening												●
Hearing Screening****		●	●	●		●		●		●	●	●
Mental, Emotional, Behavioral (MEB) Screening	Once annually through age 18											
Visual Screening*****	●	●	●	●		●		●		●	●	

* Must get at your PCP's office or designated pharmacy vaccination provider. Call Member Service to verify that your vaccination provider is in the Highmark network. Coverage is provided for the immunization categories identified in this Preventive Schedule. The specific immunizations covered within each category are determined by the most current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). The specific immunizations covered within a category of this Preventive Schedule are updated consistent with the current recommendations of these entities. Additional immunizations may become covered during the benefit year.

** Routine checkup could include height and weight measures, behavioral and developmental assessment, and age-appropriate guidance; alcohol and drug abuse, and tobacco use assessment.

*** To confirm new diagnosis of high blood pressure before starting treatment.

**** Hearing screening once between ages 11 – 14, 15 – 17, and 18 – 21. Vision screening covered when performed in doctor's office by having the child read letters of various sizes on a Snellen chart. Includes instrument vision screening for ages 3, 4, and 5 years.

***** A comprehensive vision exam is performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist and requires a vision benefit.

LAB SCREENINGS	3Y	4Y	5Y	6Y	7Y	8Y	9Y	10Y	11Y	12Y	15Y	18Y
Hematocrit or Hemoglobin Anemia Screening			Annually for females during adolescence and when indicated									
Lead Screening	When indicated (Please also refer to your state-specific recommendations)											
Cholesterol (Lipid) Screening							Once between ages 9 – 11 and ages 17 – 21					
IMMUNIZATIONS*												
Chicken Pox		Dose 2										
COVID-19 Vaccine	Per doctor’s advice											
Dengue Vaccine							9 – 16 years living in dengue endemic areas in U.S. Territories AND have laboratory confirmation of previous dengue infection					
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)		Dose 5							One dose Tdap			
Flu (Influenza)	Ages 3 – 18: 1 or 2 doses annually											
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)							Provides long-term protection against cervical and other cancers. 2 doses when started ages 9 – 14. 3 doses, all other ages.					
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)		Dose 2										
Meningitis**									Dose 1		Age 16: One-time booster	
Pneumonia	Per doctor’s advice											
Polio (IPV)		Dose 4										
CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH RISK FACTORS												
BRCA Mutation Screening (Requires prior authorization)					Per doctor’s advice							
Cholesterol Screening	Screening will be done based on the child’s family history and risk factors											
Fluoride Varnish (Must use primary care doctor)	Ages 5 and younger											
Hepatitis B Screening									Per doctor’s advice			
Hepatitis C Screening												●
Latent Tuberculosis Screening												High-risk
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screenings and Counseling (Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV, and Syphilis)									For all sexually active individuals HIV routine check, once between ages 15 – 21			
Tuberculin Test	Per doctor’s advice											

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** Meningococcal B vaccine per doctor's advice.

Children: 6 Months to 18 Years¹

PREVENTIVE DRUG MEASURES THAT REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

Oral Fluoride	For ages 6 months to 16 years whose primary water source is deficient in fluoride
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PREVENTION OF OBESITY, HEART DISEASE, DIABETES, AND STROKE

Children with a BMI in the 85th to 94th percentile (overweight) and the 95th to 98th percentile (obese) are eligible for:	• Additional annual preventive office visits specifically for obesity • Additional nutritional counseling visits specifically for obesity • Recommended lab tests: – Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) – Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) – Hemoglobin A1c or fasting glucose (FBS) – Cholesterol screening
Age 18 with a diagnosis of Hypertension, High Blood Pressure, Dyslipidemia, or Metabolic Syndrome	Nutritional counseling

ADULT DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (DPP) AGE 18

 Applies to Adults 18+ • Without a diagnosis of diabetes (does not include a history of gestational diabetes) • Overweight or obese (determined by BMI) • Fasting Blood Glucose of 100 – 125 mg/dl or HGBA1c of 5.7% to 6.4% or Impaired Glucose Tolerance Test of 140 – 199mg/dl	Enrollment in certain select CDC-recognized lifestyle change DPP programs for weight loss
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Women's Health Preventive Schedule

SERVICES	
Contraception (Birth Control) Methods and Discussion*	All women planning or capable of pregnancy
Well-Woman Visits (Includes: Preconception and first prenatal visit, urinary incontinence screening)	Up to four visits each year for developmentally and age-appropriate preventive services
SCREENINGS/PROCEDURES	
Anxiety Screening	The Women's Preventive Services Initiative recommends screening for anxiety in adolescent girls and adult women, including those who are pregnant or postpartum.
Breast Cancer Diagnostic Screening for Women at Average Risk	Age 40 and older: Breast mammogram, MRI, ultrasound, biopsy, and pathology when there is no diagnosis of breast cancer
Breastfeeding (Lactation) Support and Counseling, and Costs for Equipment	During pregnancy and/or after delivery (postpartum)
Cervical Cancer Follow-up Diagnostic Tests for Women at Average Risk	- Members who had the recommended routine PAP and/or hrHPV cervical cancer screening test(s) and require additional follow up diagnostic testing to get to a definitive diagnosis of cervical cancer when there is no diagnosis of cervical cancer - Tests include follow up diagnostic cytology, biopsy, colposcopy, extended genotyping, dual stain, and pathologic evaluation when there is no diagnosis of cervical cancer
Diabetes Screening	Screen for diabetes in pregnancy at first prenatal visit or at weeks 24 – 28 and after pregnancy in women with a history of gestational diabetes and no diagnosis of diabetes.
HIV Screening and Discussion	- All sexually active women: Once a year - Ages 15 and older, receive a screening test for HIV at least once during their lifetime - Risk assessment and prevention education for HIV infection beginning at age 13 - Screen for HIV in all pregnant women upon initiation of prenatal care with rescreening during pregnancy based on risk factors
Intimate Partner and Domestic Violence Screening and Counseling (Provide or refer to intervention services)	Adolescent and adult women
Navigation Services**	Services for Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening
Nutritional Counseling	Ages 40 – 60 with normal BMI and overweight BMI
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Discussion	All sexually active women: Once a year

* FDA-approved contraceptive methods may include sterilization and procedures as prescribed. One or more forms of contraception in each of the 18 FDA-approved methods, as well as any particular service or FDA approved, cleared or granted contraceptive product that an individual's provider determines is medically appropriate, are covered without cost sharing. Exception Process: Your provider may request an exception for use of a prescribed nonformulary contraception drug due to medical necessity by completing the online request form. When approved, the prescribed drug will then be made available to you with zero-dollar cost share. Note: On page 2 of the form under the title Prior Authorization reads "Contraceptives require a statement of medical necessity only". The following link works for all states. [<https://content.highmarkprc.com/Files/Region/PA/Forms/MM-056.pdf>] Only FDA approved contraception apps, which are not part of the 18 method categories, and are available for download to a cell phone are reimbursable through the paper claim process with a prescription. Members need to submit three documents to obtain reimbursement; 1) completed the paper Claim Form: [https://www.highmarkbcbs.com/redesign/pdfs/mhs/Medical_Claim_Form.pdf] Under section DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY – write "contraception app purchase" 2) receipt of payment for the FDA approved contraception app, 3) provider prescription for the FDA approved contraception app.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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Information About Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Because the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a government-sponsored program and not subject to ACA, certain preventive benefits may not apply to CHIP members and/or may be subject to copayments.

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