

Section 2 Maryland EPSDT Preventive Health Care Schedule

The [Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule](#) adheres to standards established by state and federal regulations. The Schedule defines how often a child/adolescent should have a preventive care visit and closely correlates to the schedule recommended by the *American Academy of Pediatrics* (AAP) and *Bright Futures* (Refer to Section 2). Since children eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) may be at greater risk for **health related issues** than the general population, elements such as lead testing are required. **The Schedule includes eight full preventive visits in the first year of life, three visits in the second year, two visits in the third year, and yearly visits from three through 20 years of age.** Children should receive annual preventive well-child visits starting at age 3 years. However, the Schedule does not allow more frequent preventive care visits, if documented as **medically necessary**. The [Maryland Healthy Kids Encounter Forms](#) are available to facilitate documentation of the required components (Refer to Section 7, Appendix I). Preventive care services included under the Maryland Healthy Kids Program are as follows:

A. INITIAL SCREENING SERVICES

Initial screening services include the full scope of comprehensive services outlined in the [Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule](#). These services should be provided to all children when being seen for the first time by a Maryland Healthy Kids Program certified PCP. MCOs are responsible for ensuring that enrolled children have an initial screen with the PCP according to the following guidelines:

- Within 90 days of the enrollment date for children two through 20 years of age
- Within 30 days of the enrollment date for children under two years of age
- Within 30 days of enrollment for children in need of an initial evaluation for a health condition identified on the [Preventive Screen Questionnaire](#) (Refer to Section 7, Appendix II)
- At an interval consistent with the *Maryland Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule*, if the child was established in the PCP's practice prior to the child's MCO enrollment