

Key topics for Early Childhood Mental Health Medicaid Survey

This **50-state survey** documents Medicaid reimbursement/coverage for key services that benefit the social-emotional development and mental health of young children (0-5 years). The Medicaid administrator in each state was invited to participate in a structured interview that covers topics outlined below.

KEY TOPICS

Which of the following services is covered by Medicaid; if covered, is coverage through fee for service, managed care, or both?

- Screening children for mental health problems
- Screening parents for depression in pediatric settings
- Mental health consultation in pediatric and other settings (e.g., child care, home, foster home)
- Dyadic (parent-child) treatment
- Parent programs (e.g., Incredible Years, Circle of Security)
- Care management (e.g., facilitated referral and follow-up)
- Other prevention, promotion, or treatment services

For most covered services, the following additional questions were asked:

- Does coverage require use of an evidence-based or otherwise specified tool or model?
- What are the criteria for determining the eligibility of the child and/or parent for receipt of the service (e.g., DC: 0-3R diagnosis, medical necessity)?
- What credentials are needed by providers who deliver service?
- In what settings can the service be provided?
- What frequency or amount of service is allowed?
- What other rules apply to providing the service?

More in-depth interviews will be conducted in selected states to examine implementation, including the number of children served, supports for implementation such as provider training, service integration, use of other funds, and challenges.

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