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TO: State Agencies Administering the Title XIX Program

SUBJECT: Scope of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

The purpose of this State Bulletin is to provide clarification of the scope of services available to EPSDT recipients under the provision of §1905(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act). Specifically, one State has received a request to provide the following services through its EPSDT program to a quadriplegic child living in a foster home:

1. A motorized lift for the family van,
2. A motorized stair lift to enable the child to utilize the family room,
3. A wheel chair ramp to the back yard, and
4. Bathroom modifications (e.g., a wide door, tub lift).

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989 added §1905(r) of the Act. Section 1905(r) requires States to provide any necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment and other measures described in §1905(a) to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the State Plan. However, ~~any services provided under the EPSDT program~~ must be Medicaid coverable under §1905(a) of the Act. We do not believe that the items listed above are coverable as Medicaid -services listed in §1905(a) of the Act. Medicaid services must be medical services, For that reason, modifications to a home or van are not coverable services except under a waiver.

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It is also important to keep in mind with regard to any **services** sought through the EPSDT program that it is the State that makes the determination of medical necessity, not the child's physician.

If you should have any questions about this matter, please contact Bonnie Bailey-Howard at (816) 426-3406.



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