
What is Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services (EPSDT) Assistive Technology (AT) and How Do You Request It?

EPSDT Assistive Technology (AT) is any medically necessary item, piece of equipment, or product system used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability.

Any request for an AT through EPSDT must be:

- Prior Authorized,
- Known to be effective, safe and/or proven to be acceptable, and
- From a provider who knows the child well enough to be able to diagnose and describe the ways this item/device will ameliorate, improve, or prevent the diagnosed condition or disability from worsening.
- The AT Supplier must be enrolled as a Medicaid provider.

Examples of EPSDT Assistive Technology include:

- Screen readers;
- Speech recognition software;
- Voice amplification systems;
- Wearable GPS device with 24/7 location monitoring;
- Customized Solutions - tailored to meet the specific needs of individual children:
 - Adaptive seating and furniture
 - Customized communication devices
 - Specialized car seats;
 - Braille displays;
 - Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices

NOTE(S):

1. Home modification is never covered under EPSDT.
2. If an assistive technology is available through a waiver program or existing Medicaid fee schedule it is covered through that code and not EPSDT.

Assistive Technology and School-Based Services (SBS)

SBS Assistive Technology (AT) is any medically necessary item, piece of equipment, or product system used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability.

The AT must be listed in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Examples of SBS Assistive Technology include:

- Screen readers;
- Speech recognition software;
- Alternative keyboards;
- Customized Solutions - tailored to meet the specific needs of individual students:
 - Adaptive seating and furniture
 - Customized communication devices
 - Personalized learning software
 - Braille displays

Note:

Any assistive communication device becomes the property of the member, even if purchased through School-Based Medicaid services.

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Required Documentation:

1. Medicaid Member's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Within the Time Frame For The Date Of Service
2. Copy of Original Receipt With Purchase Price And Item Name
3. Detailed Product Description (Printed From the Internet)

Claims Process

- Gainwell, the claims processing vendor, will not accept paper claims.
- Any E1399 School-Based Medicaid claim must be filed electronically in [MEUPS/KYHealthNet](#).
- The restriction placed on E1399 at Gainwell prevents it from being paid when filed like any other claim outside of [MEUPS/KyHealthNet](#).

Questions?

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