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Preventive care benefits for children

Most health plans must cover a set of preventive health services for children at no cost. This includes Marketplace and Medicaid coverage.

IMPORTANT

These services are free only when delivered by a doctor or other provider in your plan's network.

Coverage for children's preventive health services

All Marketplace health plans and many other plans must cover the following list of preventive services for children without charging you a [copayment](#) or [coinsurance](#). This is true even if you haven't met your yearly [deductible](#).

1. [Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use assessments](#)

(<http://www.healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/healthy-communication-and-relationships/talk-to-your-kids-about-tobacco-alcohol-and-drugs>) for adolescents

2. [Autism screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>) for children at 18 and 24 months

3. Behavioral assessments for children: Age [0 to 11 months](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-babys-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-0-to-11-months>), [1 to 4 years](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>), [5 to 10 years](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-5-to-10>), [11 to 14 years](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-11-to-14>), [15 to 17 years](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-teens-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-15-to-17>).

4. [Bilirubin concentration screening](#)  (PDF, 609 KB) for newborns

5. Blood pressure screening for children: Age [0 to 11 months](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-babys-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-0-to-11-months>), [1 to 4 years](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>)

[your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4](#) , [5 to 10 years](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-5-to-10>), [11 to 14 years](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-11-to-14>), [15 to 17 years](#)

(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-teens-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-15-to-17>).

6. [Blood screening](#) for newborns
7. [Depression screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/doctor-visits/screening-tests/get-your-teen-screened-for-depression>) for adolescents beginning routinely at age 12
8. [Developmental screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/watch-for-signs-of-speech-or-language-delay>) for children under age 3
9. [Dyslipidemia screening](#) [🔗](#) (PDF, 609 MB) for all children once between 9 and 11 years and once between 17 and 21 years, and for children at higher risk of lipid disorders
10. [Fluoride supplements](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/take-care-of-your-childs-teeth>) for children without fluoride in their water source
11. [Fluoride varnish](#) for all infants and children as soon as teeth are present
12. [Gonorrhea preventive medication](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/pregnancy/doctor-and-midwife-visits/talk-with-your-doctor-about-newborn-screening>) for the eyes of all newborns
13. Hearing screening for all [newborns](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/pregnancy/doctor-and-midwife-visits/talk-with-your-doctor-about-newborn-screening>); and [regular screenings](#) [🔗](#) (PDF, 609 KB) for children and adolescents as recommended by their provider
14. [Height, weight and body mass index \(BMI\) measurements](#) [🔗](#) (PDF, 609 KB) taken regularly for all children
15. [Hematocrit or hemoglobin screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>) for all children
16. [Hemoglobinopathies or sickle cell screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/pregnancy/doctor-and-midwife-visits/talk-with-your-doctor-about-newborn-screening>) for newborns
17. [Hepatitis B screening](#) for adolescents at higher risk
18. [HIV screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/health-conditions-and-diseases/hiv-and-other-stds/get-tested-for-hiv>) for adolescents at higher risk
19. [Hypothyroidism screening](#) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/pregnancy/doctor-and-midwife-visits/talk-with-your-doctor-about-newborn-screening>) for newborns
20. [PrEP \(pre-exposure prophylaxis\) HIV prevention medication](#) for HIV-negative adolescents at high risk for getting HIV through sex or injection drug use

21. Immunizations for children from birth to age 18 — doses, recommended ages, and recommended populations vary:
 - Chickenpox (Varicella)
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP)
 - Haemophilus influenzae type b
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
 - Inactivated Poliovirus
 - Influenza (flu shot)
 - Measles
 - Meningococcal
 - Mumps
 - Pneumococcal
 - Rubella
 - Rotavirus

22. Lead screening for children [🔗](#) at risk of exposure

23. Obesity screening and counseling (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/nutrition-and-physical-activity/help-your-child-stay-at-a-healthy-weight>)

24. Oral health risk assessment [🔗](#) (PDF, 609 KB) for young children from 6 months to 6 years

25. Phenylketonuria (PKU) screening (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/pregnancy/doctor-and-midwife-visits/talk-with-your-doctor-about-newborn-screening>) for newborns

26. Sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention counseling and screening (<http://healthfinder.gov/healthtopics/category/health-conditions-and-diseases/hiv-and-other-stds>) for adolescents at higher risk

27. Tuberculin testing for children at higher risk of tuberculosis: Age 0 to 11 months (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-babys-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-0-to-11-months>), 1 to 4 years (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>), 5 to 10 years (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-5-to-10>), 11 to 14 years (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-11-to-14>), 15 to 17 years

<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-teens-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-15-to-17>

28. [Vision screening](http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/doctor-visits/screening-tests/get-your-childs-vision-checked) (<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/doctor-visits/screening-tests/get-your-childs-vision-checked>) for all children

29. [Well-baby and well-child visits](#)

More information about preventive services for children

- [Preventive services for children age 0 to 11 months](#)
(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-babys-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-0-to-11-months>)
- [Preventive services for children age 1 to 4 years](#)
(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-1-to-4>)
- [Preventive services for children age 5 to 10 years](#)
(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-5-to-10>)
- [Preventive services for children age 11 to 14 years](#)
(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-childs-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-11-to-14>)
- [Preventive services for children age 15 to 17 years](#)
(<http://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/parenting/doctor-visits/make-the-most-of-your-teens-visit-to-the-doctor-ages-15-to-17>)

More on prevention

- [Learn more about preventive care from the CDC](http://www.cdc.gov/prevention/) (<http://www.cdc.gov/prevention/>).
- See preventive services covered for [adults](#) and [women](#).
- [Learn more about what else Marketplace health insurance plans cover.](#)

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