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EPSDT Check-Box

The "EPSDT-SS" box on the Service Authorization Request (SAR) is checked when the beneficiary has Medi-Cal full scope with no share of cost. It has come to our attention that claims for children with CCS-only or Healthy Families are being denied due to program ineligibility when the "EPSDT-SS" box in erroneously marked for hearing aids. To best resolve this issue, authorizations for hearing aids, cochlear implants, and Service Code Group authorizations should remain a "97" SAR without the EPSDT box checked.

For all other services, please ensure the box is only checked when the child has Medi-Cal full scope with no share of cost.

For further instructions regarding EPSDT review and authorization, please see N.L. 03-0205.

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