Services Offered

The Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program allows the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to provide medically necessary Assistive Technology to eligible children under the age of 21.

EPSDT Assistive Technology is defined as specialized medical equipment, supplies, devices, controls and appliances not available through the Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment benefit. Assistive Technology items directly enable individuals to increase their abilities to perform ADLs or to perceive, control or communicate with the environment in which they live and participate.

The Assistive Technology benefit is defined in the EPSDT Supplement available on the DMAS website at the following link: https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/ProviderManual

Who is Eligible?

Current Medicaid (FAMIS Plus) and FAMIS enrolled children (both FFS and MCO enrolled) under the age of 21

Service Requirements and Limitations

- Items must be: primarily and customarily used to service a medical purpose; able to withstand repeated use; and, appropriate for use in both the home and the community.
- All requests must be service authorized.
- Each Assistive Technology item must be recommended and determined appropriate to meet the individual’s needs by a qualified professional such as an occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech language pathologist or behavioral consultant.
- Medical documentation must provide DMAS with a clear understanding of the individual’s needs.

Process for Accessing Services

- For individuals not enrolled in a Medicaid MCO, the individual/family chooses an Assistive Technology provider from the list of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers. A list of providers may be found at the following links: https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/SearchForProviders or http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/ltc-wvr3.aspx
- The provider sends documents to KePRO for authorization of services and approval of reimbursement
- Individuals enrolled in MCOs go through their MCO for a list of available providers and service authorization.

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