



Provider communication

General information and system updates

June 5, 2023

EPSDT Back to School Campaign

Applicable to: Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care DD, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care and Mercy Care DCS CHP

Mercy Care and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) are encouraging parents and/or guardians to schedule annual well-care visits for their children this summer. AHCCCS or KidsCare members, ages 3-19, and who complete a well-care visit between June 5 and September 5, 2023, are eligible to receive a \$25 gift card from their health plan.

Please display the ***attached fliers (English and Spanish)*** in an area where patients will see this information. Once an eligible patient completes their well-care visit, Mercy Care will provide details on how to receive the \$25 gift card to the patient's parents and/or guardians. This incentive is available to AHCCCS or KidsCare members ages 3-19 who complete a well-care visit with a primary care provider or obstetrician/gynecologist between June 5 and September 5, who have not already completed a well-care visit in 2023, and who are enrolled in an AHCCCS managed care health plan.

The \$25 gift card incentive does not apply to Mercy Care DCS CHP members. Keeping in mind the special needs of that population, Mercy Care offers alternative strategies to improve rates of EPSDT visits for DCS-CHP. One of these strategies includes Mercy Care offering providers an enhanced rate for codes: 99201-99205; 99211- 99215; 99381-99385 and 99391-99395 when submitted for DCS CHP members. These codes are reimbursed at 200% of the Mercy Care Fee Schedule.

NOTE: Modifier TJ is for tracking Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) visits for members in foster care who require an EPSDT visit within a specific time to meet policy requirements. This modifier is not to be used for any other EPSDT visit. Please visit the Mercy Care webpage for more information on the use of this modifier. Claims submitted without this modifier will not receive the enhanced rate. Any claims submitted for LOBs other than DCS CHP will be denied.

For more information, please visit <https://www.azahcccs.gov/wellcare> and <https://mercyar.es/b2school>.

If you have any questions, you can also contact your Mercy Care [Network Management Representative](#). You can find this [Notice](#) and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

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