Preventive health care services for children are reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc., as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To encourage sound health maintenance for children covered by Plans administered by QualCare, Inc. and to ensure proper and consistent reimbursement to those who provide these services.

1. Newborn and subsequent office visits shall be reimbursed when they follow preventive pediatric health care recommendations delineated in the American Academy of Pediatrics publication Bright Futures (see references below).

2. Unless otherwise stated in the individual Summary Plan Description, reimbursable periodic preventive visits for healthy children are those that occur at the following ages: neonatal, first week of life, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years, 2 ½ years, and annually from age 3 years through age 21 years.

The following services shall be considered global to these visits:
♦ history,
♦ measurements,
♦ sensory screening,
♦ developmental/behavioral assessment,
♦ physical examination,
♦ anticipatory guidance,
♦ pelvic examination and Pap smear, when appropriate, for females
♦ dental referral (from age 3 years).

2. The following services shall be considered to be reimbursable in addition to the visit, when performed as specified by the Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics:

♦ immunizations as updated regularly by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

♦ specific screening tests (including but not limited to) hereditary/metabolic screening, hemoglobin and hematocrit, urinalysis, lead screening, Mantoux skin testing, sexually transmitted disease screening, IF performed in the physician’s office. The physician will NOT be reimbursed for tests that are performed in a clinical laboratory that is not in his/her office.

Reference:

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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.*