

**Clarification of the
Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Benefit
Under the 1115 Medicaid Waiver**

- **There are no changes to EPSDT services under the proposed waiver.** Children who are eligible for EPSDT services under the pre-waiver Medicaid and KCHIP programs will remain eligible for the full range of EPSDT benefits, including all medically necessary treatment services. This includes all children who qualify for Medicaid and the KCHIP eligible children in families with incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.
- **EPSDT services are not subject to the limits listed for therapy services.** The EPSDT authorization process currently in place for treatment services will remain in place under the 1115 Medicaid Waiver.
- **An EPSDT authorization will allow children to exceed the therapy limits listed in the KyHealth Choices benefit packages.**
- **Children will continue to receive all medically necessary services under the KyHealth Choices waiver.** Children in families at or below 150% of the federal poverty level will continue to receive all EPSDT services, *including* medically necessary treatment services. Children in families above 150% of the federal poverty level (the KCHIP category formerly known as the Medicaid look-alike program) will receive covered therapies beyond the limits if deemed medically necessary under the prior authorization process.
- **EPSDT eligibility and benefits as described above (and in place before the implementation of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver) will remain in place under the terms of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver, whether the Family Choices plan is bid out to a private insurer or administered by the state.**