



Child Health

Don't wait until your children are sick to bring them to the doctor.



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Newborn-1

Babies need to see their doctor frequently. For the first year of life, bring your child to the doctor according to the following schedule:

- ✓ Visit 1: 2 to 5 days after birth
- ✓ Visit 2: 1 month
- ✓ Visit 3: 2 months
- ✓ Visit 4: 4 months
- ✓ Visit 5: 6 months
- ✓ Visit 6: 9 months
- ✓ Visit 7: 12 months (1 year old)

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After your child's first birthday, bring them to the doctor at these times for 'Well Child' visits:




- ✓ 15 months
- ✓ 18 months
- ✓ 24 months (2 years old)

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After your child is 2 years old, bring them to the doctor once a year. Many parents bring their children to the doctor around their birthday because it is easier to remember:




- ✓ Annually

Benefits of Well Child Visits

-  Prevention: Prevent your children from getting sick.
-  Tracking growth: Make sure your children are growing and developing properly and to intervene if they are not.
-  Raising concerns: Your doctor can help with concerns about health, behavior, development, sleeping, eating. Ask them anything!

Dental Care

Dental care for children is very important, and many parents don't realize that Medicaid pays for it.

-  Baby teeth are important even though they fall out! They must be kept healthy for baby's overall health.
-  As soon as your baby gets their first tooth, bring them to the dentist.
-  After their first visit, bring your child to the dentist every six months.

You should know:

Your doctor's office won't call to remind you when it is time to make an appointment for your children. It is up to you to remember to make the appointments and bring your children to the doctor's office.