

Provider Policy Update: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Personal Care Services

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023, which will also end the temporary changes allowed in Informational Bulletin 20-9: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Personal Care Services (EPSDT-PCS). All provider agencies must ensure they have direct service workers (DSW) who are not legally responsible relatives or caregivers providing EPSDT-PCS to their patients.

On May 12, 2023, the EPSDT-PCS Provider Requirements will resume, as indicated below:

Staff assigned to provide personal care services shall not be a member of the recipient's immediate family. Immediate family includes father, mother, sister, brother, spouse, child, grandparent, in-law, or any individual acting as parent or guardian of the recipient. Personal care services may be provided by a person of a degree of relationship to the recipient other than immediate family, if the relative is not living in the recipient's home, or, if he/she is living in the recipient's home solely because his/her presence in the home is necessitated by the amount of care required by the recipient.

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