

		File name: Master
CA AB 11	AUTHOR:	McCarty [D]
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	TITLE:	EPSDT Program: Screening Services
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	no
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Health Committee
	CODE SECTION:	

An act to add Section 14132.195 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law to require that screening services under the EPSDT program include developmental screening services for newborns to toddlers of a specified age. Requires such screening to be in compliance with the periodicity schedule and the standardized and validated screening tools that are established by the Bright Futures, American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care.

DIGEST:

AB 11, as amended, McCarty. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: screening services.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) for any individual under 21 years of age who is covered under Medi-Cal consistent with the requirements under federal law. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions.

Existing federal law provides that EPSDT services include periodic screening services, vision services, dental services, hearing services, and other necessary services to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not the services are covered under the state plan.

This bill would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services under the EPSDT program include developmental screening services for individuals zero to 3 years of age, inclusive, in compliance with the periodicity schedule and the standardized and validated screening tools that are established by the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care and by any future updates to those recommendations. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations relating to child development.

Vote Required: MAJORITY Appropriation: NO Fiscal Committee: YES Local Program: NO Immediate Effect NO Urgency: NO Tax Levy: NO Election: NO Usual Current Expenses: NO Budget Bill: NO Prop 25 Trailer Bill: NO

STATUS:

12/05/2016	INTRODUCED.
03/23/2017	To ASSEMBLY Committees on HEALTH and EDUCATION.
03/23/2017	From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH with author's amendments.
03/23/2017	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.

01/03/2018 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH with author's amendments.
01/03/2018 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on HEALTH.
01/09/2018 From ASSEMBLY Committee on HEALTH: Do pass as amended to Committee on EDUCATION. (15-0)
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01/18/2018 From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass. (17-0)
01/22/2018 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.
01/29/2018 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE. (77-0)
03/15/2018 To SENATE Committee on RULES.
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VOTES:
01/09/2018 Assembly Health Committee P 15-0
01/18/2018 Assembly Appropriations Committee P 17-0
01/29/2018 Assembly Assembly Floor P 77-0
Subject: EarlyStart

CA AB 2522

AUTHOR: Chu [D]
TITLE: Developmental Services
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Human Services Committee
CODE SECTION:

An act to [A>amend Sections 95014 and 95020 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 4512 and 4648 of, and to repeal Sections 4648.5 and 4783 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code,<A] relating to developmental services.

SUMMARY:

Concerns the California Early Intervention Services Act. Supports infants and toddlers and their families. Updates definitions of developmental delay and disability by removing requirements that the condition constitute a significant delay or substantial disability for the individual. Repeals prohibitions on purchasing nonrequired services, experimental treatments, therapeutic services, or certain devices. Repeals provisions concerning the Individual Choice Budget and the Family Coast Participation Program.

DIGEST:

AB 2522, as amended, Chu. Developmental services.

(1) Existing law, the California Early Intervention Services Act, provides a statewide system of coordinated, comprehensive, family-centered, multidisciplinary, and interagency programs that are responsible for providing appropriate early intervention services and supports to all eligible infants and toddlers and their families, and requires an eligible infant or toddler receiving services under the act to have an individualized family service plan. The act requires these services to be provided pursuant to the existing regional center

system under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act and the existing local education agency system.

Existing law defines the term "eligible infant or toddler" to mean infants and toddlers from birth through 2 years of age for whom a need for early intervention services is documented by means of assessment and evaluation and who meet one of specified criteria, including having a developmental delay in one or more of 5 specified areas, meaning that they are determined to have a significant difference between the expected level of development for their age and their current level of functioning. Existing law defines significant difference as a 33% delay in one or more development areas.

This bill would instead define developmentally delayed infants and toddlers as those who are determined to have a difference between the expected level of development for their age and their current level of functioning, and would delete the definition of significant difference.

(2) Existing law requires each service identified on the individualized family service plan to be designated as an early intervention service, another service that the eligible infant or toddler or his or her family may receive from other state programs, or a referral to a nonrequired service that may be provided to an eligible infant or toddler or his or her family. With the exception of durable medical equipment, existing law prohibits a regional center from purchasing nonrequired services, but authorizes a regional center to refer a family to a nonrequired service, as specified.

This bill would repeal that prohibition on purchasing nonrequired services.

(3) Under existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the State Department of Developmental Services is responsible for providing various services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities, and for ensuring the appropriateness and quality of those services and supports. Under existing law, the department contracts with regional centers to provide services and supports to persons with developmental disabilities. The services and supports to be provided to a regional center consumer are contained in an individual program plan, developed in accordance with prescribed requirements.

Existing law defines a "developmental disability" as a disability that originates before an individual attains 18 years of age, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for the individual.

This bill would remove from the definition of "developmental disability" the requirement that the disability constitute a substantial disability for the individual.

(4) Existing law prohibits regional centers from purchasing experimental treatments, therapeutic services, or devices that have not been clinically determined or scientifically proven to be effective or safe or for which risks and complications are unknown.

This bill would repeal the prohibition described above.

(5) Existing law requires the department, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop an alternative service delivery model that provides an Individual Choice Budget and suspends a regional center's authority to purchase certain services, including, among others, camping services and associated travel expenses, pending implementation of the Individual Choice Budget and certification that the Individual Choice Budget has been implemented and will result in state budget savings, as specified.

This bill would repeal the suspension described above.

(6) Existing law establishes the Family Cost Participation Program, which

requires the department to develop and establish a Family Cost Participation Schedule, consisting of a sliding scale for families with an annual gross income of not less than 400% of the federal poverty guideline, as specified, to be used by regional centers to assess the parents' cost participation for providing services to their children under 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities and who are not eligible for Medi-Cal, among other eligibility criteria.

This bill would repeal those provisions.

Vote: MAJORITY
Appropriation: NO
Fiscal Committee: YES
Local Program: NO

STATUS:

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