

# Health Care for Kids (CHEC)

## **Does Healthy U offer health care for children (CHEC)?**

Yes. If you have Traditional Medicaid, there is a special program for children called CHEC (Child Health Evaluation and Care). The CHEC program is for Healthy U children (up to age 20). Your children need to have regular tests to make sure they are growing the way they should. This means checking for eyesight, hearing, speech, and other health problems. Regular and early testing can help treat problems before they get too bad. Your child's doctor can provide CHEC services. There are a lot of health services and treatments that Healthy U will pay for that are not covered for adults.

## **What does the CHEC program offer?**

- Complete well care exams for infants, children, teenagers, and young adults up to age 20.
- Immunizations (shots).
- Medical tests to make sure your children are healthy.
- Education to help you learn about your child's health needs and how they grow.
- Reminders from Healthy U if your child misses a yearly exam.
- Extra services for children with special health care needs.

## **What if my child has special health care needs?**

If your child has diabetes, autism or another serious problem, he or she may have special needs. Caring for a child with special needs can be very hard. Please call our Care Managers at 1-888-271-5870 (choose option 2) A Care Manager is a nurse who can answer your health questions and help you with your child's special needs. Your child's doctor can also call us.

## **Why did I get a letter and a phone call about a well care exam for my child?**

As a service to you, we may send a letter or call you to remind you about well child check-ups. These calls may be from our staff, or we may use a pre recorded message. If you have questions about these letters or phone calls you can call us at 1-888-271-5870 (choose option 2).

## **Where can I learn more about well care for my child?**

You can call us at 1-888-271-5870 (choose option 2) to find out more about the CHEC program. You can also visit the Bright Futures web site at the link below if you would like to learn more about well care exams and what to expect as your child grows.

<http://brightfutures.aap.org/index.html>