## How to Guide: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)/Kan Be Healthy

## **How to Apply**

Kan Be Healthy, also known as the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, is the children's component of Kansas Medicaid. It provides comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services to children and youth under age 21. To apply, families must complete a KanCare (Kansas Medicaid) application to determine financial eligibility.

Applications can be completed online through the KanCare Medical Services Self Service Portal at https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/, by submitting a paper application available at https://www.kancare.ks.gov/apply-now, or by calling 1(800) 792-4884 to request assistance.

## Information Needed

When applying for Kan Be Healthy services or requesting assistive technology coverage, you will need:

- Proof of Kansas residency
- Proof of income (to determine financial eligibility)
- The child's Social Security number and date of birth
- Medical documentation or prescriptions showing medical necessity for assistive technology
- Information about any other health insurance coverage
- Current Kan Be Healthy health screenings (required to maintain eligibility)
- For durable medical equipment (DME), provide a physician's order, diagnosis, and vendor estimate
- For hearing aids, communication devices, or other specialized items, prior authorization is required

Eligibility includes children under 21 who meet financial guidelines, receive adoption or foster care assistance, or receive SSI benefits due to disability.

## **Helpful Tips**

- Kan Be Healthy covers the same durable medical equipment (DME) as adult Medicaid, plus assistive technology for children when medically necessary.
- Covered assistive technology includes hearing aids, augmentative communication devices, wheelchairs, bath chairs, lifts, prosthetics, braces, and other adaptive devices.
- Batteries, accessories, and repairs may also be covered with prior authorization.
- For vision and hearing services, eyeglasses and hearing aids are included, with replacement limits and service frequency rules.
- To maintain Kan Be Healthy coverage, ensure your child receives timely health screenings as required by the program.
- All assistive technology must be medically necessary, cost-effective, and prior authorized by KanCare.
- Kan Be Healthy may rent or purchase devices, depending on cost and medical need.
- If services are denied or delayed, families can file a grievance, appeal, or request a state fair hearing.
- The KanCare Ombudsman (1-855-643-8180) can help with appeals, complaints, renewals, and understanding notices or decisions.