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**Arkansas Medicaid Participation Requirements for School-Based Child Health Services Providers**

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School districts and education service cooperatives may provide all Child Health Services (CHS/EPSDT) screening services. A school district or cooperative may participate at one of two levels, as either a comprehensive screening provider who will provide all EPSDT screening components, or as a provider for vision and/or hearing screens.

Schools enrolling as comprehensive screening providers must meet the Provider Participation and enrollment requirements contained within Section 140.000 of this manual as well as the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the Arkansas Medicaid Program:

- A. The provider must sign an agreement to participate as a Child Health Services (CHS) screening provider. [View or print participating EPSDT provider agreement.](#)
- B. The provider must be certified as a comprehensive CHS/EPSDT provider by the superintendent of schools. [View or print Certification of Schools to Provide Comprehensive EPSDT Services form.](#)

Schools or education service cooperatives enrolling as screeners for hearing and vision, hearing only or vision only must meet the Provider Participation and enrollment requirements contained within Section 140.000 of this manual as well as the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the Arkansas Medicaid Program:

- A. The provider must sign an agreement to participate as a CHS screening provider per Section 201.000 of this manual. [View or print participating EPSDT provider agreement.](#)
- B. The provider must employ a licensed registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who has completed training in vision screening conducted by the Arkansas Department of Education, in conjunction with the Arkansas Eye and Vision Commission. The RN or LPN must also have completed training in hearing screening conducted by the regional Educational Service Cooperative's Community Health Nurse Specialist. A copy of the nurse's current license and the certificate of completion of vision and hearing screening training must accompany the application. All vision and hearing screenings must be performed in accordance with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing School Nurse Practice Guidelines.

**NOTE: School districts or education service cooperatives employing a qualified speech pathologist may complete an agreement to participate as a screening provider, using the speech pathology Medicaid provider number. The qualified speech pathologist may perform hearing screens and be reimbursed under the Medicaid provider number for speech pathology.**

In situations where speech pathology services are provided by a qualified speech pathologist who is contracted with a school district or an education service cooperative, the individual qualified speech pathologist may complete the agreement to participate as a CHS screening provider and perform hearing screens under the individual Medicaid number.