Last year, The American Academy of Pediatrics released *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 4th Edition*. Bright Futures is an essential resource that provides health care professionals with recommendations for pediatric health promotion, health supervision, and anticipatory guidance. Bright Futures is also Vermont’s early, periodic, screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) periodicity schedule for Medicaid’s medical services. The 4th edition includes several themes. One of these themes is, “Promoting Oral Health”. This section includes updates on the oral health recommendations based on American Dental Association, American Academy of General Dentistry, and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry guidelines.

EPSDT also requires states to develop a dental periodicity schedule (similar to the medical periodicity schedule) in consultation with recognized dental organizations. The dental periodicity schedule addresses the frequency and general principles of examination, preventive dental services, anticipatory guidance/counseling, and oral health treatment for children. It reflects Vermont’s EPSDT schedule for pediatric oral health care for Medicaid. The release of AAP’s Bright Futures 4th edition provided Vermont with an excellent opportunity to update the state’s dental periodicity schedule so that it is in alignment with the updated Bright Futures recommendations. The Health Department’s Office of Oral Health and Maternal and Child Health Division worked with the Department of Vermont Health Access and with various medical and dental health care providers and organizations to update the 2018 dental periodicity schedule.

We are pleased to announce that Vermont’s updated dental periodicity schedule is now finalized! New features include: indication where there is overlap between dental services provided in both medical and dental homes, and state and national resources to help health care providers implement the recommendations in practice. Thanks very much to all who provided input into this process. We hope you find the updated periodicity schedule helpful in your work.

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