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**COMPONENT: EDUCATION**

**SUBJECT: REQUIRED SCREENINGS AND EXAMS**

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:** To establish a standard procedure to identify the current health status and to identify and medical, dental, or developmental concerns of enrolled children.

**OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE:** All children enrolled in Head Start will be screened in accordance with Performance Standard 1304.20.

Required screenings include:

Required within 45 days of entry:

Developmental

Vision

Hearing

Speech

Language

Growth assessment (height/weight)

Health observation

Required within 90 days of entry:

Physical exam

Dental exam

Blood pressure

Verification of lead screen

Highland Rim Head Start will follow the Tennessee EPSDT guidelines when determining the required screenings and exams to be documented on the child's physical.

Parents of children who have received such screenings and are determined by the health care provider to need treatment for any health care conditions will be encouraged to continue follow-up treatment and care until the condition is resolved or appropriately managed. Information regarding managing weight, iron-rich foods or decreasing lead levels in the home may be given to the parents as needed. Children who have been determined by their provider to need treatment for vision or hearing concerns will be referred to the appropriate provider by the Health and Disabilities Manager. Parents will

be assisted with scheduling appointments and transportation may be provided to the child and parent when securing the necessary exams and treatment.

If a child fails a developmental screening, the teachers will review the results along with staff and parent observations, child's developmental and health history, and family functioning to determine if a referral is necessary.