

# Getting the most out of your child's checkups

## 15 to 17 years



- Referrals or help for family needs, like:
  - Food, housing and utilities
  - Money or job resources
  - Help with safe relationships, mental health or substance use

Look over the Teen Card together and help your 15- to 17-year-old plan what to talk about at their checkup.

### What next?

Call your teen's clinic today and ask for a Child and Teen Checkups appointment (a well-child check).

A checkup is recommended **every year** at this age and is covered by your insurance.

The doctor or nurse can sign any forms your teen needs for sports, camp or other activities.



# Every age, even teenage!

Getting a Child and Teen Checkups appointment **every year** helps your teen get what is needed as a young person and helps you get what you need as the one who cares for your teen.

## What can you expect at each checkup?

- A chance to ask your questions
- Reliable health information
- **Your teen has the option to talk to their doctor or nurse on their own and start taking charge of their own health!**
- A check of growth and heart health
- A head-to-toe exam
- A chance to check in about mental health, sexual health and relationships, stress and coping, and substance use
- Immunizations and blood tests, if needed
- A referral to a dentist

## Great websites to check out:

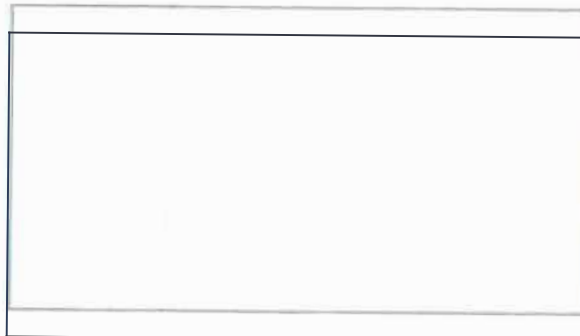
- [www.kidshealth.org/en/teens](http://www.kidshealth.org/en/teens)
- [www.health.state.mn.us/people/adolescent/youth/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/adolescent/youth/index.html)
- [www.211unitedway.org](http://www.211unitedway.org)

## For help finding a clinic or making an appointment:

[www.freechildcheckups.com](http://www.freechildcheckups.com)

Call your health plan or your local county or tribal Child and Teen Checkups staff for:

- Health insurance or Medical Assistance
- Help finding a clinic, doctor or dentist
- Getting a ride to the clinic
- Getting an interpreter for the checkup



Minnesota Department of Health  
Minnesota Department of Human Services



or

**No English?**

**Advisory**

651-431-2916

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