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| 218.100 RHC Encounter Benefit Limits | 7-1-25 |

A. Medicaid clients under the age of twenty-one (21) in the Child Health Services (EPSDT) Program do not have a rural health clinic RHC encounter benefit limit.

B. A benefit limit of sixteen (16) encounters per state fiscal year (SFY), July 1 through June 30, has been established for clients twenty-one (21) years or older. The following services are counted toward the benefit limit:

1. Provider visits in the office, client’s home, or nursing facility;

2. Certified nurse-midwife visits;

3. RHC encounters;

4. Medical services provided by a dentist;

5. Medical services provided by an optometrist;

6. Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) services in the office, client’s home, or nursing facility; and

7. Federally qualified health center (FQHC) encounters.

Office visits coded with obstetrical visit procedure codes are not counted toward the visit limit. All other office visits count toward the established sixteen (16) visit limit.

The established benefit limit does not apply to individuals receiving Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder when it is the primary diagnosis ([View ICD OUD Codes](https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/MAT_ICD-10_ProcCodes.docx)).

Extensions of the benefit limit will be considered for services beyond the established benefit limit when documentation verifies medical necessity. Refer to Section 218.310 of this manual for procedures for obtaining extension of benefits.