

HEDIS Provider Guide: Developmental Screening in the First 3 Years of Life (DEV)

Measure Description

The percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday.

Note: The following tools do not meet criteria:

- Child's Social-Emotional Development (ASQ-SE), or
- Autism Screening (M-CHAT)

Using Correct Billing Codes

Description

Codes to identify developmental screening in the first 3 years of life.

Code:

CPT: 96110

CPT code can be used on its own, but if a modifier is needed, the following are allowed:

SA, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GT, U9, 59 (for more than one screening done at the same visit), XE, XS, XP, XU

Modifiers NOT allowed:

AS, KY (indicates autism screening), 24, 25

Documentation in the medical record must also include all the following:

- Date on which the screening test was completed,
- The standardized tool used (see tools listed below), and
- Evidence of screening result or screening score.

Examples of standardized screening tools for developmental, behavioral, and social delays from Bright Futures® include, but are not limited to:

Screening Tools	Age Group/Description
Ages and Stages Questionnaire - 3rd Edition (ASQ-3)	1 month to 5 ½ years
Battelle Developmental Inventory Screening Tool (BDI-ST)	Birth to 95 months
Bayley Infant Neuro-developmental Screen (BINS)	3 months to 2 years
Brigance Screens-II	Birth to 90 months
Child Development Inventory (CDI)	18 months to 6 years
Infant Development Inventory	Birth to 18 months
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)	Birth to 8 years
PEDS – Developmental Milestones (PEDS-DM)	Birth to 8 years
Survey of Well-Being in Young Children (SWYC)	Under 5 years

Tools must meet the following criteria:

Developmental Domains:	The following domains must be included in the standardized developmental screening tool: motor (fine and gross), language, cognitive, and social-emotional.
Established Reliability:	Reliability scores of approximately 0.70 or above.
Established Findings Regarding the Validity:	Validity scores for the tool must be approximately 0.70 or above. Measures of validity must be conducted on a significant number of children and using an appropriate standardized developmental or social-emotional assessment instrument(s).

How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Use standardized developmental, behavioral, and social delays screening tools.
- Ensure electronic health record (EHR) systems are capturing the correct billing code (CPT 96110).
- Recommended developmental screening tools can be found at: <https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/bright-futures>
- Developmental screenings are recommended during the 9, 18, and 30-month visits per the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of all pediatric visits to complete developmental screening (by ages 1, 2, 3).
- Educate staff to schedule visits within guideline time frames.
- Ensure all development screenings include the date screening was completed by the provider.
- Please refer members with identified developmental and/or medical concerns to Blue Shield Promise Population Health Management Team, to ensure members are enrolled in appropriate programs for support. You can find the Population Health Management referral form under the "Population health management programs" section at blueshieldca.com/en/bsp/providers. From the home page, select *Providers* then click on *Our programs* and select *Population Health Management*.
- Request a focused list of members who need to complete developmental screenings and the well child visit series from your Blue Shield Promise Quality Program Manager.

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