

Provider Bulletin

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Developmental Screening in First Three Years of Life (DEV)



Importance of Developmental Screening

In the U.S., developmental disabilities are common, affecting 1 in 6 children. Early detection of developmental delays helps children and families receive support and services sooner, benefiting their well-being.

This bulletin offers information on any measure changes, best practice suggestions, links to codes and free resources.



Common reasons for Gaps in Care

Lack of knowledge regarding developmental screening, low perception of risk, and inaccuracy in coding.

For members assigned but choosing not to establish care, go to [MC PCP Change Request Form](#)



Measure requirements

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

For more detailed measure info, such as examples of appropriate screening, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



Coding information

Developmental Screening
CPT: 96110

Note: Billing CPT code 96110 alone does not meet compliance. Please include claims with a modifier that indicate a global developmental screening occurred (Z13.42, etc.).

For up-to-date, measure specific codes to use, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



Member education

- Early intervention is key in being able to support a child's developmental delay.
- Provide education to parents or guardians about the importance of developmental screenings.
- For this measure, the M-CHAT and ASQ-SE are **not** approved screening tools because they are focused on only one domain of development.



Great resources

Here are some links to resources that can be utilized in your office:

[CDC Monitoring and Screening](#)

[Periodicity Schedule](#)

**Thank you for the care you provide
to our members**



Best Practices

Tips to improve results

- Ensure completion of the recommended developmental screenings in the eligible time frame - the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday.
- Do not use the M-CHAT and ASQ-SE alone to conduct developmental screenings; these are not approved screening tools.
- Implement continual education and trainings to confirm providers know how to use the screening tools.
- Provide education to parents or guardians about the importance of developmental screenings.
- Ensure use of proper coding, with the included modifier.

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