

## 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 tools listed below do **not** meet criteria.

- Child’s Social-Emotional Development (ASQ-SE)
- Autism Screening (M-CHAT)

### Using Correct Billing Codes

Description	Code
Codes to identify developmental screening in the first 3 years of life	CPT: 9611
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CPT code can be used on its own, but if a modifier is needed, the following are acceptable either when used alone or in combination, as long as no disallowed modifier is present on the same claim:</b> SA, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GT, U9, 59 (for more than one screening done at the same visit), XE, XS, XP, XU, EP</li> <li>• <b>Modifiers <u>NOT</u> allowed:</b> KX, AS, 24, 25, 54, TC</li> <li>• <b>Documentation in the medical record must also include all the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Date on which the screening test was completed,</li> <li>○ The standardized tool used (see tools listed below), and</li> <li>○ Evidence of screening result or screening score</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Examples of standardized screening tools for developmental, behavioral, and social delays from the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventive Care include, but are not limited to:

Screening Tools	Age Group/Description
Ages and Stages Questionnaire – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition (ASQ-3)	1 month to 5 ½ years
Parent’s 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

Other Acceptable Screening Tools Include:	Age Group/Description
Battelle Developmental Inventory Screening Tool (BDT-ST)	1 month 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

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 substantial number of children and using an appropriate standardized developmental or social-emotional assessment instrument(s).
Established Sensitivity/Specificity	Sensitivity and specificity scores of approximately 0.70 or above.

## 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/American Academy of Pediatrics Periodicity Schedule.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of all pediatric visits to complete developmental screenings (by ages 1, 2, and 3).
- Educate staff to schedule visits within guideline time frames.
- Ensure all development screenings include the date that the screening was completed by the provider.
- Please refer members with identified developmental and/or medical concerns to the Blue Shield Promise Population Health Management Team to ensure those 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](https://blueshieldca.com/en/bsp/providers). From the home page, select *Providers* then click on *Our programs* and select *Population Health Management*.
- Request from your Blue Shield Promise Quality Program Manager a list of members who need to complete developmental screenings and the well child visit series.

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