



Structured Screening for Developmental Delays and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs)

Developmental surveillance and screening for developmental delays and ASDs should be conducted at intervals which meet the standards of medical practice as established by the recognized medical organizations involved in child health care, primarily the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

According to the AAP, structured screening for developmental delays and ASDs includes the use of standardized, scientifically validated tools to aid in early identification and treatment. Structured screening focuses on assessing specific developmental milestones in language and cognitive abilities, fine and gross motor skills, and social interactions as well as signs and symptoms of ASDs.

Providers should also conduct structured screening outside of the recommended screening periodicities if medically necessary.

WCC Age	Developmental Screening CPT 96110	Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening CPT 96110 U1
9 months	X	
18 months	X	X
24 months		X
30 months	X	

When the structured screening identifies a child as needing further evaluation, the provider should refer the child for early intervention services (under the age of 3) by contacting **Child Development Watch** at:

New Castle County
1-302-283-7140 / 1-800-671-0050

Kent and Sussex Counties
1-302-424-7300 / 1-800-752-9393

Billing

All EPSDT screening services must be reported with age-appropriate evaluation and management code along with the EP modifier.

Service	CPT Code
1 month to 11 months EPSDT visit	99381/99391
12 months to 4 years EPSDT visit	99382/99392
Developmental Screening	96110
Autism Screening	96110 U1

When the validated screening tool identifies the child as needing further evaluation, a diagnostic evaluation should be performed by the provider or through a referral to an appropriate specialist or the early intervention program.

For information on the latest coding and billing guidelines and for references to validated screening tools, please refer to the EPSDT section on the Highmark Health Options Website at highmarkhealthoptions.com/providers



For questions regarding the EPSDT program, please contact the EPSDT Coordinator for Highmark Health Options at hho-epsdt@highmark.com.

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