

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.

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	

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

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) or for services at the local area intermediate unit (ages 3 to 5) by contacting **CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288**.

Billing

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

- **1 month to 11 month EPSDT visit CPT Code is 99381 or 99391.**
- **12 months to 4 year EPSDT visit CPT Code is 99382 or 99392.**
- **The CPT code for Developmental Screening is 96110.**
- **The CPT code for Autism Screening is 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 Wholecare website at:

<https://www.highmarkwholecare.com/provider/provider-resources/epsdt-information>

For questions regarding the EPSDT program, please contact the EPSDT Coordinator for Highmark Wholecare plans at EPSDTInfo@HighmarkWholecare.com.