

# Standardized Developmental Screening Tool Requirements During Well-child Visits

## (0 to 3 Years of Age)

Developmental screenings must occur during the well-child visit (WCV) using an age-appropriate standardized developmental screening tool. If the screening is positive, a follow-up plan must be documented on the date of the well-child visit.

### Key Points For Compliance

#### CMS Core Measure

##### *Minimum Standardized Screening Tool Requirements*

Administer a **Generalized Developmental Screening** using an approved **Standardized Screening Tool** on or before the following birthdates:

- On or before first birthday
- On or before second birthday
- On or before third birthday

Use a **Domain-Specific Developmental Standardized Screening Tool** if the above screening is **positive**, such as:

- M-CHAT or ASQ:SE

#### AAP/Bright Futures

##### *Minimum Standardized Screening Tool Requirements*

Administer a **Generalized Developmental Screening** using an approved **Standardized Screening Tool** at each of the following ages:

- 9-month WCV
- 18-month WCV
- 30-month WCV

Administer an **Autism Spectrum Disorder Standardized Screening Tool** at each of the following ages:

- 18-month WCV
- 24-month WCV

## Approved Standardized Screening Tools

### Generalized Developmental Screening Standardized Tools:

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire - Third Edition (ASQ-3), birth to age 5.5
- Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS), birth to age 8
- Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status - Developmental Milestones (PEDS-DM), birth to age 8
- Survey of Well-Being in Young Children (SWYC), birth to age 5.5

### Domain-Specific Developmental Standardized Screening Tools should NOT be used to replace a Generalized Developmental Standardized Screening Tool:

- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT)

Ages & Stages Questionnaire:  
Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)

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### Standardized Screening Tool Required Billing CPT Code: 96110

#### AND

ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes indicating REASON for Standardized Screenings: Z13.41 or Z13.42 or Z13.49 or Z13.40

## **Document a Follow-Up Plan(s) if Positive Results**

- Referral to a specialist for additional evaluation
- PT, OT, or SLP interventions
- Other interventions for the treatment of developmental delays

### **Key Takeaways**

- Screening Tools must be age appropriate and standardized
- Use correct CPT code coupled with ICD-10 Code
- Adhere to minimum requirements for age-based administration)

Children with Medicaid, under the age of 3, identified with developmental delays should be referred to the Infant and Toddler Connection (early intervention) program. Visit [itcva.online](https://www.itcva.org) to submit a referral.