

MEDICAID CODING GUIDELINE

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Developmental Screenings and Brief Behavioral Assessments

CPT CODE:

96110- Developmental screen (e.g., developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screen), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument

96127- Brief emotional/behavioral assessment (e.g., depression inventory, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder [ADHD] scale), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument

CRITERIA:

ND Medicaid allows these services when billed in conjunction with a preventative medicine service, Evaluation and Management service, or EPSDT service. Code 96110 should be used to report screening for healthy, physical development (speech and language development, physical growth). Code 96127 should be used to report a brief assessment for ADHD, depression, suicidal risk, anxiety, substance abuse, eating disorders, etc. This code was created in response to the Affordable Care Act's federal mandate to [include mental health services as part of the essential benefits](#) that must be included in all insurance plans offered in individual and small group markets. The mandate covers services such as depression screening for adolescents, alcohol and drug use in adolescents, and behavioral assessments in children and adolescents.

Instrument	Abbreviation	CPT code
Ages and Stages Questionnaire - Third Edition	ASQ	96110
Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional	ASQ:SE	96127
Australian Scale for Asperger's Syndrome	ASAS	96127
Beck Youth Inventories - Second Edition	BYI-II	96127
Behavior Assessment Scale for Children - Second Edition	BASC-2	96127
Behavioral Rating Inventory of Executive Function	BRIEF	96127
Briggance Screens II	(No Abbreviation)	96127
Brief Infant and Toddler Social Emotional Assessment	BITSEA	96127
Connor's Rating Scale	(No Abbreviation)	96127
Denver II	(No Abbreviation)	96110
Kutcher Adolescent Depression Scale	(No Abbreviation)	96127
Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	M-CHAT	96110
Patient Health Questionnaire	PHQ-2 or PHQ-9	96127
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status	PEDS	96110
Pediatric Symptom Checklist	PSC	96127
Pediatric Symptom Checklist - Youth Report	Y-PSC	96127
Screen for Child Anxiety Related Disorders	SCARED	96127
Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire	SDQ	96127
Substance Abuse and Alcohol Abuse Screening	CRAFFT	96127
Vanderbilt Rating Scales	(No Abbreviation)	96127