

## Important Developmental Screening Updates for Young Children

MVP Health Care<sup>®</sup> (MVP) knows that identification of conditions that could adversely affect development is critically important to ensure early intervention. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) recognizes the need for improved developmental screening, along with documentation and billing of the screenings.

### Developmental Screening: What you need to know and do.

- Approximately 1 in 4 children ages 0 to 5 years are at risk for developmental delay.
- Developmental screenings should be performed with a multi-domain screening tool at 9-month, 18-month and 24 (or 30) month during well-child visits.
- An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) specific screening tool must be completed during the 18-month and 24-month well-child visits.
- Developmental surveillance should be performed at all other well-child visits.
- Bill CPT code: 96110 for global developmental screening and 96110 with CG modifier for ASD screenings and the appropriate E/ M code with modifier 25.
  - Both E/M and CPT codes need to be included on all claims to receive additional reimbursement for the screening and for reporting of screening completion to NYSDOH.

### Additional Information: Developmental/Autism Screening and Emotional/Behavioral Assessment

#### CPT Codes

**96110** Global Developmental screening with a validated tool that addressed 4 domains of development, scoring and documentation

**96111** Developmental testing with interpretation and report (use for more comprehensive testing)

**96127** Brief emotional/behavioral assessment

#### ICD 10 CM Codes

**Z13.41** Encounter for autism screening

**Z13.42** Encounter for screening for global developmental delays (milestones)

**Z13.31** Encounter for screening for depression

See reference #2 for detailed AAP coding guidelines fact sheet

#### References

1. [https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants\\_children/early\\_intervention/autism/docs/best\\_practice\\_protocol.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/autism/docs/best_practice_protocol.pdf)
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