



Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2023

Measure Description: For members 1-3 years of age, percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in 12 months preceding or on their first, second or third birthday.

Eligible Population

Members between the ages of 1-3 in the measurement year. There are 3 age stratifications reported:

- Children who turned 1 during the measurement year
- Children who turned 2 during the measurement year
- Children who turned 3 during the measurement year.

Clinical Recommendations

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends all children be screened for developmental delays and disabilities during regular well-child visits at 9 months, 18 months, 24 months and 30 months.

Strategies to Increase Screening

- Educate parents to monitor for developmental milestones such as: taking a first step, smiling for the first time, waving “bye,” crawling, walking, etc.
- Educate on risk factors for developmental delays that include:
 - Preterm birth
 - Low birth weight
 - Lead exposure
 - Long lasting health problems or conditions
- Educate staff to schedule visits within guideline time frames.

- Advise parents that developmental screening tools will not provide a diagnosis but can assist in determining if a child is developing according to standard developmental milestones.
- Establish a “screening champion” in your office. This is anyone in your practice you designate to advocate for developmental screening with parents and caregivers of young children.
- Offer different options for parents and caregivers to complete valid questionnaires prior to scheduled well-child checks.
- Provide space in the reception area 15 minutes prior to scheduled appointments so the ASQ-3 can be completed in a quiet corner.
- Be sure a nurse or other healthcare provider is available to assist with answering any questions.
- Mail the questionnaire to the parents or caregivers prior to the visit or make available online so it can be completed prior to the visit



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Numerator Codes

The complete NCQA approved code set list can be referenced in the coding guide at healthplan.org/providers/patient-care-programs/quality-measures.

For questions, please contact your practice management consultant. To identify your practice management consultant please refer to healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-practice-management-consultant.

*The Health Plan has a team of member advocates, health coaches, social workers and nurses who can assist you and your patients to remove or overcome any barriers to care through benefit assistance, community resource referrals or enrollment in a THP clinical program. To refer a patient who is a THP member for assistance, call **1.877.903.7504** and let us know what we can do to help your patient receive and adhere to your recommended plan of care.*

Code Type	Code	Description
CPT	96110	Developmental screening (e.g., PEDS, Ages and Stages, M-CHAT)