

Include ASD Screening during Well-Child Visits

Developmental screenings help with early detection of any issues

The first developmental screening should be at nine months with follow-up screenings at 18 months, and 24 or 30 months. Specific screenings for autism should be included for all children starting at **ages 18 and 24 months**. The autism spectrum disorder (ASD) screening can be done when performing developmental screenings at the same well-child visits.

The different developmental screenings are vital to successful treatment and positive impact for a child's well-being.

Coding for developmental screenings

Use CPT code 96110 for developmental screening. It is also used for ASD screenings starting at ages 18 months and 24 months.

Note for Medi-Cal providers: Add modifier KX with CPT code 96110 for ASD screening.

CPT 96110 is coded with other outpatient evaluation and management (E/M) services on claims and encounters, with or without modifier KX.

Symptoms in three core areas

ASD can show delays, regression or deficits in these areas:

- Social communication and interaction.
- Verbal and nonverbal communication.
- Restricted repetitive patterns of behavior, interests and activities.

About the M-CHAT questionnaires

Recommended tools for ASD screening are the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT™) and the Revised with Follow-up (M-CHAT-R/F™). Both can be used by specialists or other professionals to assess risk for ASD.

- Parent(s) completes 23 questions for M-CHAT or 20 questions for M-CHAT-R/F.
- Takes about 10 minutes to complete and two minutes to score.
- Translations of the questionnaires are available in different languages.

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Where to find screening tools

Screening tools do not give final proof of developmental delays and do not result in diagnoses. Follow a positive screening result with a thorough assessment.

You can find resources and tools on the following websites:

- Official M-CHAT™ at <https://mchatscreen.com> – questionnaires, scoring and more.
- M-CHAT.org at <https://m-chat.org> – free online screening test with instant scoring for children between ages 16 and 30 months. A PDF version is also available for the M-CHAT-R/F.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) –
 - Screening Tool Finder with categories, topics covered and links at <https://screeningtime.org/star-center/#/screening-tools#top>.
 - Links to commonly used screening instruments and tools at https://toolkits.solutions.aap.org/selfserve/ssPage.aspx?SelfServeContentId=screening_tools.

References

To learn more about autism and child development, go to these websites:

- www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/screening.html.
- www.hhs.gov/programs/topic-sites/autism/index.html
- www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html.
- www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/research.html.

Additional information

Information about ASD, including screening, diagnostic evaluation, medical and education services, and additional resources, is available in the Provider Library located on Health Net's provider website as listed in the table below.

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