

## 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

**CPT© Code: 96127**

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

**Criteria for Coverage**

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.

ND Medicaid aligns with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures guidelines which includes the following screening tools: For more information refer to [Bright Futures Toolkit: Links to Commonly Used Screening Instruments and Tools | AAP Toolkits | American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Instrument	Abbreviation	CPT code
Ages and Stages Questionnaire - Third Edition	ASQ-3	96110
Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	ASQ:SE-2	96127
Ask Suicide-Screening Questions	ASQ	96127
Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner’s Guide	(No Abbreviation)	96127
Baby Pediatric Symptoms Checklist	BBSC	96127
Brief Screener for Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs	BSTAD	96127
Columbia -Suicide Severity Rating Scale	C-SSRS	96127
Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers	M-CHAT or M-CHAT-R/F	96110
Patient Health Questionnaire	PHQ-2, PHQ-9 or PHQ-A	96127
Patient Safety Screener	PSS-3	96127

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

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Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status	PEDS	96110
Pediatric Symptom Checklist	PSC, PSC-Y or PSC-17	96127
Preschool Pediatric Symptoms Checklist	PPSC	96127
Screening to Brief Intervention	S2BI	96127
Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire	SDQ	96127
Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends, Trouble	CRAFFT	96127
Survey of Well-being of Young Children	SWYC	96110

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