

## Health Measure TIPS (To Improve Performance Sheet): Developmental Screening in the First 3 Years of Life



### Importance of the Measure

Early identification of developmental disorders is critical to the well-being of children and their families. It is an essential function and the responsibility of all pediatric healthcare professionals to provide this screening and to assure that any concerns noted during the assessment are promptly addressed. Early identification of developmental issues along with timely referrals to specialists and services can improve the developmental outcomes across the lifespan of a child.

Please note that the Department of Social Services reimburses for developmental and behavioral health screenings, including those that are performed at intervals outside of the annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) visit.

### Measure Description

The percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the twelve months preceding their first, second, or third birthday.

*HUSKY Health wants to help you improve your developmental screening rates for children ages 1-3 years and improve health outcomes for your HUSKY Health patients. **Adherence to this measure is determined by claims data, as well as by medical record review. In order to assure this information is being properly captured, the following medical record documentation is required.***

It is recommended that all children be screened for developmental delays and disabilities during regular well-child visits at 9, 18, 24, or 30 months.

Source: [https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity\\_schedule.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf)



### Required Medical Record Documentation:

For children who had a developmental screening using a standardized, validated tool in the 12 months preceding their birthday, the following documentation must be in the medical record:

- Date of service
- Documentation of the validated screening tool used (Refer to Provider Bulletin 2015-70 for validated tools for this measure)
- Evidence of a screening result (positive or negative) or screening score (a numeric value associated with the validated screening tool).

### Code and Modifiers for Developmental Screening for Children

CODE	MODIFIERS
<b>96110</b>	Use modifier <b>U3</b> for a positive screen and <b>U4</b> for a negative screen

#### **Additional Information**

For information on health measures or the programs and services made available through the HUSKY Health program:

- Visit: [www.ct.gov/husky](http://www.ct.gov/husky), click “**For Providers**,” then “**Health Measures**” under the “**Reports & Resources**” menu item
- Email: [quality@chnct.org](mailto:quality@chnct.org)
- Call: 1.866.317.3301

#### References

- <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/facts.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/screening.html>
- [https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity\\_schedule.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf)