

Developmental Screening during COVID-19: Online Screening Tools and Billing Opportunities

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that **developmental screening should continue during in-person and virtual well child visits in the COVID-19 environment**. As in the past, pediatricians are advised by the AAP to use a formal tool to screen for developmental risks at the 9, 18 and 24 (or 30) month well-child visits.

In Connecticut, child health providers can ensure that **developmental screening** is performed by linking families to the United Way 211 Child Development Infoline (CDI), where they can complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaires online and at no-cost.

<https://cdi.211ct.org/program/ages-and-stages/>.

- Once completed, the CDI will contact parents/caregivers about the results.
- If parents provide your contact information when they enroll, you will also receive the results.
- **Providers can bill for reviewing the CDI screening results. *See billing instructions below.***

Share these links with your patients to complete the screening tool online. **Remind parents to provide your contact information** when they enroll, so you will also receive the results.

- ✓ [ASQ-3 English \(general developmental screening\)](#)
- ✓ [ASQ-3 Spanish \(general developmental screening\)](#)
- ✓ [ASQ-SE-2 English \(socio-emotional screening\)](#)
- ✓ [ASQ-SE-2 Spanish \(socio-emotional screening\)](#)

Upon completion of each age appropriate screen, CDI will contact parents with results, along with activities that support development for them to do with their child. If concerns are identified, connections to community services and other resources are available.

Please note: CDI has limited access to mail- due to COVID 19 so they recommend the on-line system at this time. If this is not possible, parents have the option to call CDI at 1-800-505-7000 to enroll in the Ages and Stages Monitoring program and have screens mailed to their homes.

Billing Instructions for Developmental Screening Review

If you review the ASQ results that CDI sends to you and use the information during the well child visit, you can bill Medicaid and commercial insurance as follows:

- Use your usual well child visit CPT and ICD codes for the new (99381/2) or established (99391/2) patient and for the appropriate age of the patient.

- Use CPT code 96110 with modifier .25 to indicate the added service of developmental screening
- For Medicaid in Connecticut, use modifiers U3 if the screen showed concerns, or U4 if the screen did not show concerns

CPT Codes		ICD-10-CM Codes	
99381	Infant (new patient, younger than 1 year)	Z00.110	Health Supervision for newborn under 8 days old or
99391	Infant (established patient younger than 1 year)	Z00.111	Health Supervision for newborn 8 to 28 days old or
99382	Early childhood (new patient, age 1-4 years)	Z00.121	Routine child health exam with abnormal findings or
99392	Early childhood (established patient, age 1-4 years)	Z00.129	Routine child health exam without abnormal findings

If your patients are in a home visiting or Head Start program, you can also obtain developmental screening results from those providers with parental consent.

NEW ONLINE SCREENING RESOURCE (COMING SOON): **Sparkler Mobile Phone Application**

The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and the Child Development Infoline are piloting a mobile phone application called “Sparkler,” which offers the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE-2 through a cell phone. CHDI is helping disseminate the app in selected communities and we will alert you when it is available to share with your patients. If you are interested in learning more about this free app, contact CHDI’s Abby Alter at aalter@uchc.edu.