

**Standardized
Developmental Screening:
Using the Ages and Stages
Questionnaire - 3
Screening Tool**

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**Part 4:
How to Incorporate
Standardized Developmental
Screening into a
Pediatric Practice**

**Pediatric Office Mechanics
Preparation**

- Hold/attend initial training for all pediatricians and staff
- Establish the age level of patients being screened
- Print several age level copies of the ASQ test before office visits begin

**Pediatric Office Mechanics
Preparation**

- Establish the appropriate coding within your practice
- Identify necessary resources in your area for easy referral
- We assembled age-appropriate tote bags for parents

Pediatric Office Mechanics

- A screening tool should be administered at 9, 18, and 24 or 48 month visits
- Prepare patient charts one day in advance – place appropriate ASQ screening tool with the scoring sheet in individual patient charts

Pediatric Office Mechanics

- Upon arrival, the receptionist hands the form to the parent for completion while in the office
- Patient is called to exam room and offered help from the nurse on completion of the form (our practice used residents to help parents complete the form)

Pediatric Office Mechanics

- Nurse scores the questionnaire (3 – 4 minutes in length) and places in the score sheet for the physician to review

Pediatric Office Mechanics

- Physician performs exam and discusses the ASQ results with the parent
- If referral is indicated, the score sheet is marked “Referred,” placed in the patient’s chart and moved to the nurse’s lab area (or an area where a nurse would usually follow up with patient’s needs)

Pediatric Office Mechanics

- At Anniston Pediatrics, charge tickets were labeled “Refer to _____” and given to the referral clerk to make the appointment and follow up with the parent on necessary information
- Our practice used home stimulation handouts for parents to used as a teaching tool at home

Developmental Testing Codes

- 96110 – Developmental Testing, AAP recommends standard tools: ASQ, PEDS, M-CHAT, etc.
- Payor-Specific: Add Modifier 25 to E/M or Mod 59 to 96110
 - BCBS: Pays with and without Mod 25 currently

Developmental Testing Codes

- Medicaid: Not currently required
- Commercial payors: check policies
- V79.3 – Screening for Developmental Handicaps
 - Recognized by ALL Kids and Medicaid for payment

96110

Developmental Screening

- ALL Kids allows 96110, limited to 4 screenings by age 48 months
- Medicaid allows any age – must document use of standardized screening tool

96110

Developmental Screening

- BCBS-AL allows code 96110
 - Diagnosis and contract determine payment
 - Generally can bill responsible party

ASQ – 3

Resources and Contact Information

State Resources

- Child Find: Statewide program to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21
 - Birth through 2: 1-800-543-3098
 - Fax: 334-293-7393
 - Ages 3 - 21: 1-800-392-8020
- Children's Rehabilitation Service: 1-800-846-3697

State Resources

- Patient 1st Care Coordinators (Medicaid only)
 - State Office: 334-206-2973
 - Region 1: 256-389-3536
(Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, Walker, Winston)
 - Region 2: 256-340-2113
(Cullman, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan)
 - Region 3: 205-554-4534
(Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa)
 - Region 4: 205-930-1427 (Jefferson)
 - Region 5: 205-338-3357
(Blount, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Shelby, St. Clair)
 - Region 6: 256-237-1896
(Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Chambers, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega, Tallapoosa)

State Resources

- Patient 1st Care Coordinators (Medicaid only)
 - Region 7: 334-877-2828
(Choctaw, Dallas, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Sumter, Wilcox)
 - Region 8: 334-277-8464
(Autauga, Bullock, Chilton, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Russell)
 - Region 9: 251-275-4177
(Baldwin, Butler, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Monroe, Washington)
 - Region 10: 334-678-2805
(Barbour, Crenshaw, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Pike)
 - Region 11: 251-690-8980 (Mobile)

State Resources

- AL-AAP/AABCD Pediatric Resource Toolkit:
<http://www.alchapaap.org/form.asp?id=306>
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State Resources

- Early Intervention: Betsy Prince 334-293-7166
 - Huntsville: 1-800-283-9352
 - Birmingham: 1-888-430-7423
 - Talladega: 1-800-947-7140
 - Montgomery: 1-800-441-7607
 - Dothan: 1-800-677-9123
 - Mobile: 1-800-879-8163
 - Tuscaloosa: 1-800-723-0490

Additional Resource

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<http://eip.uoregon.edu>