

Section 6: Billing and Encounter Data Reporting

Table 6. 1. Pediatric Screening/Assessments in Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule

	Recommendation from Healthy Kids Preventive Health Schedule	Examples of Acceptable Standardized Tools	Billing Guidelines	Limitations
Post-partum depression screening	Screening recommended at 1, 2, 4 and 6-month well child checks. Providers may “pre-screen” with PHQ-2 to determine if a longer standardized screening tool is needed. PHQ-2 may not be billed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) • Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) 	<p>96161: Caregiver-focused health risk assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used.</p> <p>Billing should occur under child’s MA number</p>	96161 will be reimbursed up to 4 units total per child through age 12 months. 0 units will be reimbursed age 13 months and older.
Developmental screening	Surveillance recommended at every well child visit; use of standardized screening tool required for all children at 9, 18 and 24 months (and whenever concern).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) • Parents’ Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) 	96110: Developmental screening may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented	<p>96110 will be reimbursed up to 8 units total per child through age 5 years. 0 units will be reimbursed age 6 years and older.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 units of 96110 will be reimbursed per visit when both a general developmental screen and an autism screen are conducted; OR</p> <p>96110 may be combined with other screening codes when appropriate (ex. 96127) for a maximum of 2 units of screening reimbursed per visit</p>
Autism screening	Surveillance recommended at every well child visit; use of standardized screening tool required for all children at 18 and 24 months (and whenever concern).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified Autism Checklist in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-up (MCHAT-R/F): 16-30 months 	96110: Developmental screening may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented	<p>96110 will be reimbursed up to 8 units total per child through age 5 years. 0 units will be reimbursed age 6 years and older.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 units of 96110 will be reimbursed per visit; OR</p> <p>96110 may be combined with other screening codes (ex. 96127) for a maximum of 2 units of screening per visit</p>

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Mental health/behavioral assessment	Annually beginning at 3 years of age. Use of standardized screening tool is recommended.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-Y) Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional (ASQ-SE) Early Childhood Screening Assessment 	96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented	A maximum of 2 units of 96127 will be reimbursed per visit; OR 96127 may be combined with other screening codes (ex. 96110) for a maximum of 2 units of screening per visit
Depression screening	Screening recommended annually beginning at 11 years of age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHQ-9 Modified for Teens Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-Y) Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale for Children (CES-DC) Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) 	96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented. NOTE: PHQ-2 may not be billed.	A maximum of 2 units of 96127 will be reimbursed per visit; OR 96127 may be combined with other screening codes (ex. W7000) for a maximum of 2 units of screening per visit
Substance use assessment	Annually beginning at 11 years of age; use of brief screening tool is recommended. Positive screens should be followed by brief intervention and referral for treatment when indicated (SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRAFFT CAGE-AID 	W7000: Alcohol and/or substance use disorder screening may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented. W7020: Intervention; > 3 minutes up to 10 minutes W7021: Intervention; >10 minutes up to 20 minutes W7022: Intervention; >20 minutes	A maximum of 1 unit of W7000 will be reimbursed annually for recipients age 11 and up W7000 may be combined with other screening codes (ex. 96127) for a maximum of 2 units of screening per visit A maximum 4 interventions will be reimbursed annually per recipient age 11 and up

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Table 6. 2. Other Pediatric Mental Health Screening/Assessments

	Recommendation	Examples of Acceptable Standardized Tools	Billing Guidelines	Limitations
ADHD Assessment	AAP clinical policy recommends use of ADHD-focused parent and teacher ratings scales as a component of screening/diagnosis when there is concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanderbilt ADHD Diagnostic Rating Scales – Parent and Teacher Conners-3 Ratings Scales ADHD Rating Scale-5 for Children and Adolescents 	96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented.	A maximum of 2 units of 96127 will be reimbursed per visit
Other disorder-focused mental health screening/assessment	Disorder-focused mental health screening and assessment tools may be used when there is a specific concern, ex. anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen for Childhood Anxiety Related Disorders (SCARED) Spence Children’s Anxiety Scale 	96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented.	A maximum of 2 units of 96127 will be reimbursed per visit
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Other disorder-focused mental health screening/assessment	Disorder-focused mental health screening and assessment tools may be used when there is a specific concern, ex. anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen for Childhood Anxiety Related Disorders (SCARED) Spence Children’s Anxiety Scale 	96127: Brief emotional/behavioral assessment may be billed only when a standardized screening tool is used and results documented.	A maximum of 2 units of 96127 will be reimbursed per visit