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To: physicians, nurse practitioners, screening centers

From: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Re: Billing Developmental Services

Developmental surveillance and screening during preventive health care visits allows the physician an opportunity to offer anticipatory guidance to the family about supporting their child's development, facilitate early intervention and treatment, and improve developmental outcomes. Payment for a standardized screening tool is not including in the reimbursement for a child's preventive office visit or E/M service. Standardized screening tools are billed using the following codes:

96110 Developmental testing; limited (eg, Developmental Screening Test II, Early Language Milestone Screen), with interpretation and report

The use of developmental screening instruments of a limited nature (eg, Developmental Screening Test II, Early Language Milestone Screen, PEDS, Ages and Stages, and Vanderbilt ADHD rating scales) is reported using CPT code 96110 (*developmental testing; limited*). Code 96110 is often reported when performed in the context of preventive medicine services, but may also be reported when screening is performed with other evaluation and management (E/M) services such as acute illness or follow-up office visits.

96111 Developmental testing; extended (includes assessment of motor, language, social, adaptive and/or cognitive functioning by standardized developmental instruments) with interpretation and report

Extended developmental testing using standardized instruments (eg, Bayley Scales of Infant Development, Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities (Third Edition) and Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (Fourth Edition)) are reported using CPT code 96111. This service may be reported independently or in conjunction with another code describing a separate patient encounter provided on the same day as the testing (eg, an evaluation and management code for outpatient consultation).

When 96111 is reported in conjunction with an E/M service, the time and effort to perform the developmental testing itself should not count toward the key components (history, physical exam, and medical decision making) or time for selecting the accompanying E/M code.

The Iowa Medicaid program encourages providing surveillance and screening of a child's development on a regular basis. Additional information may be obtained through the following web site: www.iowaepsdt.org