

# Developmental/Autism Screenings, Blood Lead Testing and Newborn Hearing Testing

The first years of a child's life are a time of critical development and growth. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of New York is working with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to educate and promote screening, testing and linkage to services to identified at-risk children (ages 0-6). You can help improve the health outcomes of our youngest members by focusing on the following three areas: blood lead level (BLL) testing, follow-up, developmental/autism screenings and newborn hearing testing and follow-up.

## Focus Areas

The following is a listing of the requirements for the three focus areas.

### Blood Lead Level Testing and Follow-Up Criteria:

- You must perform at least one confirmed capillary or venous blood level test by age 2.
- Children must have a confirmed venous follow-up test after a blood lead level of BLL of  $\geq 5$  mcg/dL within three months.
- Children must have a confirmed venous follow-up test after a BLL of  $\geq 10$  mcg/dL within one month.

CPT® Codes:

- 83655 – Blood Lead Screening
- 36415 – Blood Draw (venous blood by venipuncture)
- 36416 – Blood Draw (capillary blood specimen – e.g., finger, heel, ear stick)

### Developmental/Autism Screenings Criteria:

- Developmental Screening: Children must be screened for developmental, behavioral and social delays with a standardized global developmental screening tool by ages 1, 2 and 3.
- Autism Screening: Children must be screened for autism by age 18 months and 30 months.

CPT and Modifier Code(s):

- Standardized Developmental Screenings: 96110
- Autism Screening: 96110 and “CG” modifier **OR** ICD-10 code Z13.41 – “Encounter for autism screening”

### Newborn Hearing Screening and Follow-Up Criteria:

- Initial Newborn Hearing Test: Infants must have a completed hearing screening in a hospital or by a care provider by age 1 month.
- Diagnostic Audiological: Infants who didn't pass or have an incomplete hearing screening by one month must have a diagnostic audiological evaluation by the time they are age 3 months.
- Failed Audiological Evaluation: Infants diagnosed with hearing loss by age 3 months must be referred to Early Intervention services before they are age 6 months.

## CPT Codes:

- Initial Newborn Hearing Codes
  - 92551: Screening test, pure tone, air only
  - 92552: Pure tone audiometry (threshold), abnormal findings – air only
- Diagnostic Audiological Testing Codes
  - 92585: Evoked potentials for evoked response audiometry and/or testing of the central nervous system, comprehensive
  - 92587: Distortion product-evoked otoacoustic emissions, limited evaluation or transient-evoked otoacoustic emission diagnostic otoacoustic emissions, with interpretation and report
  - 92588: Distortion product-evoked otoacoustic emissions, comprehensive diagnostic evaluation with interpretation report
- Hearing Loss Diagnostic Codes Requiring Early Intervention Follow-Up
  - H90: Sensorineural hearing loss
  - H90.40-42: Sensorineural hearing loss
  - H90.5: Unspecified sensorineural hearing loss
  - H90.6: Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, bilateral
  - H90.7 (70-72): Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss unilateral with unrestricted hearing on the contralateral side
  - H90.8: Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unspecified
  - H90.A: Conductive and sensorineural hearing loss with restricted
  - H90.A1 (A11-A12): Conductive hearing loss, unilateral, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
  - H90.A2 (A21 and A22): Sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral, with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
  - H90.A3 (A31 and A32): Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral with restricted hearing on the contralateral side
  - H90.0-2: Conductive hearing loss

## Resources

- [Clinical Practice Guidelines](#)
- [Coding for Preventive Care](#)
- Autism Developmental Screening Tools:
  - [Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-Up](#)
  - [The Survey of Well-Being of Young Children Form](#)
- Developmental Screening Tools:
  - [Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status – Developmental Milestones \(PEDS-DM\) Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition \(ASQ®-3\)](#)
  - [Parent Evaluation of Developmental Status](#)
  - [The Survey of Well-Being of Young Children Form](#)
- Early Intervention Resources and Form:
  - [NYC Children's Services Education Resources](#)
  - [New York Department of Health Early Intervention Contact Information](#)
  - [Early Intervention Program Referral Form](#)

## Questions

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