

## 2026 Measurement Year

# MCAS MEASURE: DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF LIFE (DEV)

Measure Steward: Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU)

Gold Coast Health Plan's (GCHP) goal is to help its providers gain compliance with their annual Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) scores by providing guidance and resources. This tip sheet provides the key components to the MCAS measure, "Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV)."

**Measure Description:** This measures the percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the 12 months preceding or on their first, second, or third birthday.

**Data Collection Method:** Administrative<sup>1</sup>

### DEV Clinical Code Sets

For billing, reimbursement, and reporting of services completed, submit claims in a timely manner with the appropriate medical codes for all clinical conditions evaluated and services completed.

### Codes used to identify developmental screening using a standardized developmental screening tool.

Description	CPT
Developmental screening using a standardized developmental screening tool with interpretation and report.	96110

### Tools must meet the following criteria:

1. Developmental Domains	Motor, language, cognitive, and social-emotional.
2. Established Reliability	Reliability scores of approximately 0.70 or above.
3. Established Findings Regarding the Validity	Validity scores for the tool must be approximately 0.70 or above. Measures of validity must be conducted on a significant number of children and using an appropriate standardized developmental or social-emotional assessment instrument(s).
4. Established Sensitivity / Specificity	Sensitivity and specificity scores of approximately 0.70 or above.

### The following tools meet the above criteria and are included in the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Recommendations for Preventive Care:

Screening Tools	Age Group
Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ – 3)	Ages 1 month to 5 1/2 years
Battelle Developmental Inventory Screening Tool (BDI-ST)	Birth to 95 months of age
Bayley Infant Neuro-Developmental Screen (BINS)	Ages 3 months to 2 years
Brigance Screens II	Birth to 90 months of age
Child Development Inventory (CDI)	Ages 18 months to 6 years
Infant Development Inventory	Birth to 18 months of age
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)	Birth to 8 years of age
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status – Developmental Milestones (PEDS-DM)	Birth to 8 years of age
Survey of Well-Being in Young Children (SWYC)	Ages 1 month to 65 months



### Best Practices:

- ▶ Use the Inovalon® Provider Enablement Quality Gaps Insights to identify members with gaps in care.
- ▶ According to Help Me Grow Ventura County, early developmental identification consists of three components:
  - *Surveillance* is the process of recognizing children at risk for developmental delays and should occur at every well-child visit.
  - *Screening* is the use of standardized tools to identify children at risk of developmental delays or disorders.
  - *Evaluation* is the in-depth process of identifying children with developmental delays or disorders and referring them to qualified professionals and early intervention services.
- ▶ Follow the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) Bright Futures™ Periodicity Schedule](#) recommendation of completing child developmental screenings at 9, 18 and 30 months of age using a standardized screening tool. Screening tools are completed by the parent, then scored by the health care provider, and include standardized sets of questions to evaluate if a child's motor, language, cognitive, social, and emotional development are on track for their age.
- ▶ The following organizations provide information for health care providers on developmental screening resources and trainings:
  - [Help Me Grow Ventura County](#)
  - [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
  - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- ▶ Developmental screenings using standardized developmental screening tools can be reviewed and scored by any qualified clinic staff (e.g., doctor, nurse, medical assistants).
- ▶ CPT code 96110 (developmental screening, with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument) is reimbursed by Medi-Cal at ages specified in the Bright Futures / AAP Periodicity Schedule (9, 18 and 30 months of age) and when medically indicated. The frequency limit for general developmental screening is twice a year for children ages 0 to 5, any provider. For more information, [click here](#).
- ▶ Establish clinic work flows to ensure standardized screening tools are completed at the appropriate ages. To view an example of a pediatric developmental screening flowchart, [click here](#).
- ▶ GCHP offers free health education services, materials, classes, and online resources to help members achieve a healthy lifestyle. Providers can contact the Health Education Department or refer patients / guardians / caregivers to the following information:
  - Providers, call: 1-805-437-5961
  - Members, call: 1-888-301-1228 / TTY 711
  - GCHP Health Education Webpage (resources in English and Spanish): [Click Here](#)

<sup>1</sup> Measures reported using the *administrative* data collection method report on the entire eligible population and use only administrative data sources (e.g., claims, encounter, lab, immunization registries) to evaluate if services were performed.