

Structured Screening of General Development & Behavioral or Mental Health Risk: 6-10 Years

Recommended Primary Screens with Social-Emotional Focus	Concern	Billing & Coding
Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)	General psychosocial screening and functional assessment in the domains of attention, learning, externalizing and internalizing symptoms	96127 + Mod
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)	Brief, behavioral screening questionnaire designed to screen for emotional, conduct, hyperactivity/inattention, peer relationship problems, and prosocial behaviors	96127 + Mod

Recommended Secondary/ Specific Screens	Concern	Billing & Coding
Vanderbilt, Conners	ADHD/learning	96127 + Mod
SCARED	Anxiety	96127 + Mod
CES-DC, Child Depression Inventory (CDI)	Depression	96127 + Mod

The provider *must* document the screening tool used, results of the screening tool, discussion with parents, and any referrals made.

Modifier	96127 + Mod
Medicaid → EP	Can code up to 2 screens per visit

A more complete list of secondary screening tools can be found on www.aap.org/mentalhealth in the screening tools table under Provider tools.

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Recommended Primary Risks & Strengths Tools	Concern	Billing & Coding
Bright Futures Adolescent Supplemental Questionnaire	Assesses risks and strengths in domains of development, social, emotional, and risk reduction	96160 + Mod
Guidelines for Adolescent Preventive Services (GAPS)	Assesses risks and strengths in domains of family, health, school, social, safety, and substance use	96160 + Mod
HEADSSS	Assesses each of the following domains for risk and protective factors: home, safety, education/employment, eating, activities, drugs, sexuality, suicide/depression/self-image, and nutrition	96160 + Mod

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Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)	Brief, behavioral screening questionnaire designed to screen for emotional, conduct, hyperactivity/ inattention, peer relationship problems, and prosocial behaviors	96127 + Mod

Recommended Secondary/ Specific Screens	Concern	Billing & Coding
Vanderbilt, Conners	ADHD/learning	96127 + Mod
SCARED	Anxiety	96127 + Mod
Patient Health Questionnaire-9 Modified for Adolescents (PHQ-9), CES-DC, CDI	Depression	96127 + Mod
CRAFFT	Substance Use	99408/ 99409 + Mod

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Modifier	96160 + Mod	96127 + Mod	CRAFFT
Medicaid → EP	Can code up to 2 screens per visit	Can code up to 2 screens per visit	A minimum length of time in counseling is required for billing: 99408: (15-30 min) 99409: (>30 min)