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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Reporting CPT Code 96110 Separately From a Preventive Medicine Services Code

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Coding and Nomenclature recommends that CPT code 96110 (*developmental testing; limited (eg, Developmental Screening Test II, Early Language Milestone Screen), with interpretation and report*) be reported separately from a preventive medicine service code (99381-99397) when a developmental test is interpreted and a report is developed from that interpretation during the course of a well child exam. It is important to note that the interpretation and report must constitute a significant, separately identifiable service from the preventive medicine visit. Examples of when it would be appropriate to report CPT code 96110 in addition to a preventive medicine service code include:

- Two-year-old well child care visit; physician administers Brigance screening tool (physician administers via face-to-face interview, 10 minutes)
- 30-month old well child care visit, review of Parents' Evaluations of Developmental Status (PEDS) questionnaire (parent completes for 10 minutes, physician reviews results with them for 3 minutes)
- Three-year old well child visit, physician administers Child Development Inventories checklist (physician administers via face-to-face interview, 2 minutes)

If a less formal developmental assessment is conducted, it would be included in the preventive medicine service code or, alternatively, if a mini-mental status examination is conducted by the physician, it could be reported with an office or other outpatient services code (99201-99215).

Please contact Linda Walsh, Director, Division of Health Care Finance and Quality Improvement, at 800/433-9016 or lwalsh@aap.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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