

Provider Bulletin

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EPSDT Updates and Screening Modifier Medicaid

The Health Care Authority (HCA) has published a revised [EPSDT Well-Child Program Billing Guide](#), **effective January 1, 2025**. Revisions to this guide include the following additions:

- Social determinants of health risk assessment (SDoH) as a required element for a well-child checkup
- Information about using modifier SL for vaccine procedure codes for vaccines given in a non-facility setting

Effective July 1, 2025, HCA will require Apple Health providers to submit an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code in conjunction with the appropriate CPT® code for developmental and behavioral health screening to receive reimbursement. Effective July 1, 2025, Molina will cover medically necessary developmental and behavioral health screening only when an appropriate modifier is included.

Which codes are impacted?

CPT® Code	ICD code	Screening Type
96110	Z13.42	Developmental Screening
96110	Z13.41	Autism Screening
96127/ 96160	Z13.31	Depression Screening
96127/ 96160	Z13.30	General Behavioral Health Screening
96127/ 96160	Z13.39	Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Screening
96161	Z13.32	Caregiver Depression Screening

Modifier	Description
U1	No need is identified (negative screen). Indicates screening score within a normal range.
U2	Need is identified (positive screen) Indicates risk concern, impairment, or identification of a developmental and/or behavioral disorder.

Resources to prepare for the July 1, 2025 change: [Apple Health \(Medicaid\) developmental and behavioral health pediatric screening FAQ](#)