



# ACEs and Developmental Screening COVID-19 Update

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## UPDATE:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC) ensures ongoing access to care for our members and to protect the health and safety of our providers consistent with Telehealth guidance from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This includes provision of disaster-responsive and trauma-informed care. PHC providers are essential in helping mitigate the health impacts of secondary stress on our members due to COVID-19. We continue to reimburse providers for ACEs trauma-informed care, including that provided through telehealth when medically appropriate due to statewide public health “Shelter in Place” order. Telehealth guidance is available on the DHCS website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/COVID-19/APL-20-004-Emergency-Guidance-1135-Waiver.pdf>.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, Developmental and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screenings are Medi-Cal covered benefits. Medi-Cal will begin reimbursing for ACEs screenings for children and adults up to 65 years of age, except for those dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare Part B. All children enrolled in Medi-Cal, except for those dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare, are entitled to receive developmental screening as a required service for children under the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

Providers may now bill for ACEs screening; however, beginning July 1, 2020, Medi-Cal providers must take a certified training and self-attest to completing the training in order to receive Medi-Cal reimbursement for ACEs screenings.

ACEs and developmental screenings will be reimbursed in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems when billed with the codes below. **Indian Health Service (IHS) providers may bill these codes separate from their normal all-inclusive OMB reimbursement.**

<b>ACEs/Trauma Screening</b>	G9919 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once in 11 months, per provider, for children 0-20 yrs.</li> <li>Once in a lifetime, per provider, for members 21 years and older.</li> </ul> G9920 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once in 11 months, per provider, for children 0-20 yrs.</li> <li>Once in a lifetime, per provider, for members 21 years and older.</li> </ul>
<b>Developmental Screening</b>	96110 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payable per year of age (2 mos. to &lt;20 yrs.) without a TAR.</li> <li>May only be used with one of the DHCS approved screening tools.</li> <li>Autism only screening; socio-emotional screens and others must use 96110.KX.</li> </ul> 96110.KX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payable per year of age (2 mos. to &lt;20 yrs.) without a TAR.</li> <li>May be used for screening that does not include one of the nine screening tools approved by DHCS.</li> </ul>

For questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative or visit the resources below:

- DHCS approved screening tools: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/Developmental-Screenings-Policy-10.3.pdf>
- Trauma Screening and Trauma-Informed Care Provider Trainings are available: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/TraumaCare.aspx>
- All Plan Letters (APL): <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/Prop%2056.aspx>
- PHC Telehealth COVID-19 and other updates: <http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Documents/Provider%20Bulletin/PBMenu2020.pdf>