

Screening for Autism Spectrum Disorder

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Community Health Group has several measures that we are required to monitor on a yearly basis. One such measure is screening for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Based on a review of submitted primary care encounters for services rendered in 2016, it appears that screening for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is not performed consistently.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening for autism at 18 and 24 months. If you are routinely conducting screening but have not been submitting statistical claims for the service, please begin to document the care that you are providing and submit encounter data within 45 calendar days from date of service. If you are not screening, please begin to incorporate this into your practice.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We will monitor your encounter submission for autism screening services and provide you with feedback over time.

More information can be found at the following links:

Autism Spectrum Disorder – Screening and Diagnosis for Healthcare Providers

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/screening.html>

Developmental Screening/Testing Coding Fact Sheet for Primary Care Pediatricians

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/documents/aap-coding-fact-sheet-for-primary-care.pdf>

The following Community Health Group Behavioral Health Quick Guide provides information for services available to members.



Behavioral Health Quick Guide

Program	Benefits	Contact
Medi-Cal	<p>CHG's Medi-Cal members with a mild to moderate mental health condition receive their outpatient behavioral health benefits through our private network of behavioral health providers. Members do not need a referral from their primary care provider to access behavioral health services.</p> <p>Medi-Cal members, including those on a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan with a serious mental health condition or substance use concerns receive their behavioral health benefits through the County Mental Health Plan (MHP) and County Alcohol & Drug Services. Members in crisis and/or needing psychiatric hospitalization should be referred to the MHP.</p> <p>(CHG Behavioral Health Staff assesses all referrals to determine coverage and coordinate care)</p>	<p>CHG Behavioral Health Services (800) 404-3332</p> <p>San Diego County Access & Crisis Line (MHP) (888) 724-7240</p>
Cal MediConnect	<p>CHG Cal MediConnect members receive their Medicare covered benefits through our network of contracted behavioral health providers. CHG has a large network of contracted behavioral health providers including County Behavioral Health programs for members needing intensive case management.</p> <p>(CHG Behavioral Health Staff assesses all referrals to determine coverage and coordinate care)</p>	<p>CHG Behavioral Health Services (800) 404-3332</p>
<p>Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)</p> <p>Early Start</p> <p>Behavioral Health Therapies (BHT)</p>	<p>The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening, developmental surveillance and monitoring to detect ASD in young children.</p> <p>CHG members diagnosed or suspected of having an ASD diagnosis should be referred to the San Diego Regional Center (SDRC).</p> <p>CHG members between the ages of 0 and 3 who may have developmental delays should be referred to the SDRC Early Start Program.</p> <p>For questions regarding Behavioral Health Therapies call CHG's Behavioral Health Services. BHT includes Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Applied Behavioral Analysis.</p>	<p>SDRC Main Number (858) 576-2996</p> <p>SDRC Early Start (858) 496-4318</p> <p>CHG Behavioral Health Services (800) 404-3332</p>