Why screen and refer for developmental delay in primary care?

- Using a standardized screening tool in primary care will increase the number of children identified with developmental delays by 50%.
  

- In order for children to reach their maximum developmental potential, it is important that they are connected to needed services as soon as possible.
  

- “If intervention is instituted before kindergarten entrance, many problems can be prevented and the large majority can be ameliorated.”
  
  *(Pediatrics in Review. 2012; 33(10):448-458.)*

### Guidelines for Screening

| Developmental Screening | • Monitor all children with developmental surveillance at every well child check (WCC) for concerns in general development.¹  
| | • Screen all children with a standardized developmental screening tool (such as the ASQ or PEDS) at the 9, 18, and 30 month WCC.¹  
| | *If no 30-month WCC, screen the child at the 24-month visit and consider screening again at 36 months.*  
| Autism Screening | • Monitor all children with developmental surveillance at every WCC for developmental concerns related to Autism.¹  
| | • Screen all children with a standardized Autism screening tool (M-CHAT-R) at 18 and 24 months.¹  
| Lead Screening | For all low-income children (eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program), Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), or the Colorado Indigent Care Program):  
| | • Conduct a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months.  
| | • Conduct a blood lead test if child is between 36 and 72 months and has not been previously screened for lead.²  
| | For all children:  
| | • Conduct a risk assessment at the 6, 9, 18, 36, 48, 60, and 72 month WCC if an assessment has not been conducted before or if risk has changed.  
| | • If the risk assessment is positive, conduct a lead screen.¹  

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## Where do I refer a child/family that has a concerning result?

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*No cost for services

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**Early Intervention services** use a “natural environment” evidence based model and focus on family-centered, coordinated services that support parent-child relationships. Children who receive EI services have been found to have higher academic performance and engage in less risky behavior compared to their peers.


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## What opportunities are available to my practice?

- **Quality improvement projects** offered through Colorado ABCD around developmental screening. Pediatricians and family physicians can earn Maintenance of Certification Part 4 credit for participation.
- **Practice visits and training** for practices wanting to implement screening
  - All opportunities are offered at no cost to practices.

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