



**MedStar Family Choice - DC Healthy Families
Topic of the Month
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Behavioral Screening Assessments Reminder

MedStar Family Choice along with the District of Columbia Health Care Finance would like to remind practitioners of the behavioral health assessment code 96127 that was added to the DC Medicaid Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2015. DCHF will use this code to effectively track behavioral health screening performed by pediatricians and Family Practitioners. In addition to the new behavioral screening code, DCHF will also use the 96110 developmental screening code to track pediatricians conducting developmental screenings. Your practice should continue to use code 96110 when billing for developmental screening.

For claims submission it is very important that practitioners use the appropriate codes for the services being rendered. Supporting documentation must also be present in the member's medical record. Utilization of the Behavioral Assessments code 96127 and the Developmental Assessments code 96110 will assist DCHF in distinguishing these two distinct services in claims data.

For questions or concerns regarding this communication, please contact Provider Relations at MSFCProviderRelations2@medstar.net or 1-855-210-6203 option 5.