

Pediatric Administrators ListServ Responses
Developmental Testing - April 2016

Are your therapists performing "developmental testing" outside of their discipline-specific battery to inform other disciplines toward a developmental diagnosis (e.g., ASD, intellectual impairment, etc.)?

Organization

A

yes

B

We participate in multidisciplinary clinics and provide specific testing that is discipline specific.

C

D

yes- ASD

E

No

F

No

G

No

H

No-ASD; Yes-Neo Follow-up Clinics

Not currently. Being asked to complete the ADOS as part of an assessment in Developmental Pediatrics, along with the SLP evaluation or in place of the SLP evaluation.

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IF NO: Have you been asked, but declined to have your therapists perform this developmental testing? What factors contributed to your decision?

IF YES: Which Rehab disciplines are involved in this developmental testing?

Speech

OT--trained in testing

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SLP, OT, PT, psych, social work

No
No
No

Which tools do they use for developmental testing outside of their discipline-specific tests (ADOS, CARS, Bayley)?

ADOS

Have you found payment for developmental testing more advantageous, less advantageous, or similar to reimbursement for discipline-specific testing?

similar or less

Bayley

Bill Eval

ADOS

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peabody, BOT-2, vineland, Bayley, Mullens

Similar, we are billing based on what we are doing a comprehensive evaluation, not the specific test. The OT will administer the subtests of the developmental test that pertains to their area such as self care items on the Vineland or fine motor and visual reception on developmental tests.

We are considering the “other” portions on the testing screenings and billing only for the speech-language portions. But, we are participating in research on this topic so our scores are being submitted. We are particularly using the Bayley (and did a clinical outcome group with EBSAR we are happy to share with you) on kids up to age 4 that have come through our NICU. I have a full FTE committed to our follow-up clinic doing this type of work, we have sent them to state led Bayley trainings and are being checked off by the NRN for this testing.

Investigating - it is difficult to know whether insurance will be less willing to pay for this through Hospital Billing vs Physician Billing or Behavioral Health

When a child is seen for developmental testing, do they always, also complete discipline-specific testing?

not necessarily formal testing

Is developmental testing and discipline specific testing performed on the same day or different days? If same day, have you been able to get both covered by insurance?

sometimes same day - yes coverage for both

Yes

Typically provided on the same day.

Yes

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there are team evaluations and psych only

both models are used