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Screening for Developmental Delays and Autism Spectrum Disorders

Dear Provider:

In accordance with Medical Assistance Bulletin # 99-09-07, developmental surveillance and screening for developmental delays and Autism Spectrum Disorders should be conducted by providers at intervals which meet standards of medical practice established by recognized medical organizations involved in child health care, primarily the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

We want to ensure that you are aware of and have access to the tools available for your use to achieve compliance.

Our revised pediatric preventive care flow sheet will allow you to document completion of these screenings in your patient charts. In addition, we have provided a grid developed by DPW that lists a number of validated tools. Some of them are available at no cost and others require a fee. All of these documents and tools are also available to be viewed or ordered on our website at www.healthpart.com.

During our routine medical record reviews, we will be auditing this component to ensure compliance, as required by the state. Compliance will be established only if both the flow sheet and the completed tool are included in the medical record. We encourage you to take time to review the MA Bulletin which we have enclosed, and become familiar with the requirements and the tools available to you.

We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding this requirement or any Health Partners program. Please contact our Provider Services Helpline at 888-991-9023 or reach out to your Provider Network Consultant (PNC).

We appreciate your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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