

Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow- Up Plan eCQM CMS2v12

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Description

Percentage of patients aged 12 years and older screened for depression on the date of the encounter or up to 14 days prior to the date of the encounter using an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool AND if positive, a follow-up plan is documented on the date of or up to two days after the date of the qualifying encounter.

Guidance

The measure intends to screen for new cases of depression in patients who have never had a diagnosis of depression or bipolar disorder. Patients who have ever been diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder prior to the qualifying encounter used to evaluate the numerator will be excluded from the measure regardless of whether the diagnosis is active or not.

A depression screen is completed on the date of the encounter or up to 14 calendar days prior to the date of the encounter using an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool AND if positive, a follow-up plan must be documented on the date of or up to two calendar days after the date of the encounter, such as referral to a provider for additional evaluation, pharmacological interventions, or other interventions for the treatment of depression. An example to illustrate the follow-up plan documentation timing: if the encounter is on a Monday from 3-4 pm (day 0) and the patient screens positive, the clinician has through anytime on Wednesday (day 2) to complete follow-up plan documentation.

This measure does not require documentation of a specific score, just whether results of the normalized and validated depression screening tool used are considered positive or negative. Each standardized screening tool guides whether a particular score is considered positive for depression.

This eCQM is a patient-based measure. Depression screening is required once per measurement period, not at all encounters.

Screening Tools:

- An age-appropriate, standardized, and validated depression screening tool must be used for numerator compliance.
- The name of the age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool utilized must be documented in the medical record.
- The depression screening must be reviewed and addressed by the provider, filing the code, on the date of the encounter. Positive pre-screening results indicating a patient is at high risk for self-harm should receive more urgent intervention as determined by the provider practice.
- The screening should occur during a qualifying encounter or up to 14 calendar days prior to the date of the qualifying encounter.
- The measure assesses the most recent depression screening completed either during the qualifying encounter or within the 14 calendar days prior to that encounter. Therefore, a clinician would not be able to complete another screening at the time of the encounter to count towards a follow-up, because that would serve as the most recent screening. In order to satisfy the follow-up requirement for a patient screening positively, the eligible clinician would need to provide one of the aforementioned follow-up actions, which

does not include the use of a standardized depression screening tool.

Follow-Up Plan:

The follow-up plan MUST still be provided for and discussed with the patient during the qualifying encounter used to evaluate the numerator. However, documentation of the follow-up plan can occur up to two calendar days after the qualifying encounter, per the policies of an eligible clinician or provider's practice or health system. All services should be documented during, or as soon as practicable, after the qualifying encounter to maintain an accurate medical record.

The follow-up plan must be related to a positive depression screening, for example: "Patient referred for psychiatric evaluation due to positive depression screening".

Examples of a follow-up plan include but are not limited to:

- Referral to a provider or program for further evaluation for depression, for example, referral to a psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse practitioner, psychologist, clinical social worker, mental health counselor, or other mental health service such as family or group therapy, support group, depression management program, or other service for treatment of depression
- Other interventions designed to treat depression such as behavioral health evaluation, psychotherapy, pharmacological interventions, or additional treatment options

Should a patient screen positive for depression, a clinician should:

- Only order pharmacological intervention when appropriate and after sufficient diagnostic evaluation. However, for the purposes of this measure, additional screening and assessment during the qualifying encounter will not qualify as a follow-up plan.
- Opt to complete a suicide risk assessment when appropriate and based on individual patient characteristics. However, for the purposes of this measure, a suicide risk assessment or additional screening using a standardized tool will not qualify as a follow-up plan.

This version of the eCQM uses QDM version 5.6. Please refer to the eCQI resource center (<https://ecqi.healthit.gov/qdm>) for more information on the QDM.

Initial Population

All patients aged 12 years and older at the beginning of the measurement period with at least one qualifying encounter during the measurement period.

Date of birth information can be entered in DrChrono in the patient chart under the **Demographics** tab with the **Patient's Date of Birth**.

[+ Add new patient](#)

Demographics ←

Appointments

Clinical Dashboard

Documents

Eligibility

Tasks 1

Problem List

Medication List

Send eRx

Allergy List

Jenny (Jen) Harris (Female | 43 years old | Feb. 11, 1980)

Phone: (443) 555-5555 **Email:** sample@sample.com **Date Added:** Oct. 13, 2021
Address: 328 Gibraltar Dr **Last Scheduled Appt:** Wed Feb 15, 2023
 Sunnyvale, CA 94089 **Next Scheduled Appt:**

CDS: [Adult Immunization Schedule Age: 27-49](#)

Primary Provider: Dr. James Smith

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✓ Sufficient patient demographics to bill insurance. [Fall Risk](#) [Gestational Diabetes](#) [Likes Cats](#)

Demographics

Patient SSN

→ Patient Date of birth e.g. 8/8/1979

With A Qualifying Encounter During the Measurement Period

CPT Codes

59400, 59510, 59610, 59618, 90791, 90792, 90832, 90834, 90837, 92625, 96105, 96110, 96112, 96116, 96125, 96136, 96138, 96156, 96158, 97161, 97162, 97163, 97164, 97165, 97166, 97167, 98966, 98967, 98968, 99078, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99341, 99342, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99424, 99441, 99442, 99443, 99483, 99484, 99491, 99492, 99493, 99384,, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397

HCPCS Codes

G0101, G0402, G0438, G0439, G0444

CPT and HCPCS codes can be entered into the billing section for the encounter. Below is an example from the appointment window.

Appointment **Billing** Eligibility Vitals Growthcharts Flags Log Comm. Revisions Custom Data MU Helper

Institutional Claim Patient SuperBill Clinical Note Billing Details Other Forms

Billing Status

ICD Version

Patient Payment \$ Copay: \$20

Pre Authorization Approval

Referral #

Payment Profile

Billing Profile

Billing Pick List

Diagnosis Pick List

Credit Card Payment

HCFA Box 10 - Is patient's condition related to:

Employment

Auto Accident

Other Accident

Onset Date Type

Onset Date

Other Date Type

Other Date

Claim Billed: \$145.00 Adjustment: \$0.00 Insurer Paid: \$0.00 Patient Paid: \$0.00

ICD-10 Codes

#	Code	Description

ICD-9 Codes to Convert

#	Code	Description

NDC Codes

NDC Code	Quantity	Units	Line Item

Custom Codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)

CPT Codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)
1 99213	OFFICE O/P EST LOW 20-29 MIN	145.00

Modifiers:

Quantity/Minutes:

Diagnosis Pointers:

HCPCS Codes

Code	Description	Price (\$)
1 G0438	Ppps initial visit	0.00

Modifiers:

Denominator

Equals initial population.

Denominator Exclusions

Patients who have ever been diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder at any time prior to the qualifying encounter.

Denominator Exceptions

Patient Reason(s) Patient refuses to participate

OR

Medical Reason(s)

Documentation of medical reason for not screening a patient for depression (e.g., cognitive, functional, or motivational limitations that may impact the accuracy of results; the patient is in an urgent or emergent situation where time is of the essence and delay treatment would jeopardize the patient's health status)

Numerator

Patients screened for depression on the date of the encounter or up to 14 days before the date of the encounter using an age-appropriate standardized tool AND if positive, a follow-up plan is documented on the date of or up to

two days after the date of the qualifying encounter.

You can enter the LOINC codes for depression screening in the CQMs tab of the patient's chart under the Risk Category/Assessment section.

- Adolescent depression screening assessment LOINC Code 73831-0
- Adult depression screening assessment LOINC Code 73832-8

Click **+New**.

Risk Category/Assessment

Datetime	Code	Description	Value
Jan 27, 2023	LOINC: 44261-6	Patient Health Questionnaire 9 item (PHQ-9) total score [Reported]	
May 25, 2022	LOINC: 73830-2	Fall risk assessment	Abuse of herbal medicine or folk remedy (disorder)

Enter the code or search for it. Select an appointment and click **Create**.

Create Risk Category/Assessment

Risk Categ/Asst: 73831-0 Required

Appointment: Adolescent depression screening assessment
LOINC: 73831-0

Datetime: Birth weight Measured
LOINC: 8339-4

Value: Emergency department Admission history and physical n
LOINC: 78249-0

Create

Create Risk Category/Assessment

Risk Categ/Asst: Adolescent depression screening

Appointment: 4/06/2023 11:30AM

Datetime: 04/03/2023 12:06

LOINC: 73831-0

Value: (optional)

Create

If the screening is positive, a follow-up plan needs to be documented. One area to document this is in the patient's chart in the CQMs tab under the intervention section.

Intervention

Datetime	Code	Description	Value
Mar 30, 2023	SNOMEDCT: 182922004	Dietary regime (regime/therapy)	
Dec 22, 2022	SNOMEDCT: 390864007	Referral for exercise therapy (procedure)	
Aug 26, 2022	SNOMEDCT: 413473000	Counseling about alcohol consumption (procedure)	
May 25, 2022	HPCPS: G8417	Bmi is documented above normal parameters and a follow-up plan is documented	Obesity (disorder)

You can enter or search for the code. Select ordered or performed and an appointment. Click **Create** when finished.

Create Intervention ×

Intervention: 183524004 Required

Appointment: **Referral to psychiatry service (procedure)**
SNOMEDCT: 183524004

Type: Abuse prevention assessment (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 370881007

Datetime: Abuse prevention management (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 370884004

Value: Actions to lose weight (regime/therapy)
SNOMEDCT: 248114003

Admission by palliative care physician (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 305284002

Admission to palliative care department (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 305381007

Alcohol abuse prevention (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 408945004

Alcohol abuse prevention education (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 408947007

Alcohol abuse prevention management (procedure)
SNOMEDCT: 408948002

Alcohol abuse surveillance (regime/therapy)
SNOMEDCT: 737363002

Alcohol and/or drug services; methadone administration
SNOMEDCT: 737363002

Create

Create Intervention ×

Intervention: Referral to psychiatry service (pro)

Appointment: **4/06/2023 11:30AM**

Type: Performed Order

Datetime: 04/03/2023 12:31

SNOMEDCT: 183524004

Value: (optional)

Create

SNOMED Codes

- 108313002 Family psychotherapy procedure (regime/therapy)
- 1555005 Brief group psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
- 15558000 Expressive psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
- 18512000 Individual psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
- 228557008 Cognitive and behavioral therapy (regime/therapy)
- 229065009 Exercise therapy (regime/therapy)
- 28868002 Interactive group medical psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
- 372067001 Implementation of measures to provide psychological support (regime/therapy)
- 385721005 Coping support assessment (procedure)
- 385724002 Coping support management (procedure)
- 385725001 Emotional support assessment (procedure)
- 385726000 Emotional support education (procedure)
- 385727009 Emotional support management (procedure)
- 385887004 Mental health history taking assessment (procedure)
- 385889001 Mental health history taking education (procedure)
- 385890005 Mental health history taking management (procedure)
- 386472008 Telephone consultation (procedure)
- 401277000 Completion of mental health crisis plan (procedure)
- 405780009 Dialectical behavior therapy (regime/therapy)
- 410223002 Mental health care assessment (procedure)
- 410224008 Mental health care education (procedure)
- 410225009 Mental health care management (procedure)
- 410226005 Mental health promotion assessment (procedure)
- 410227001 Mental health promotion education (procedure)
- 410228006 Mental health promotion management (procedure)
- 410229003 Mental health screening assessment (procedure)
- 410230008 Mental health screening education (procedure)
- 410231007 Mental health screening management (procedure)
- 410232000 Mental health treatment assessment (procedure)
- 410233005 Mental health treatment education (procedure)
- 410234004 Management of mental health treatment (procedure)
- 425604002 Case management follow up (procedure)
- 439141002 Discharge by mental health primary care worker (procedure)

5694008	Crisis intervention with follow-up (regime/therapy)
75516001	Psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
76168009	Group psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
76740001	Psychiatric telephone consultation or therapy with patient (procedure)
81294000	Patient referral for psychotherapy (procedure)
88848003	Psychiatric follow-up (procedure)
91310009	Patient follow-up to return when and if necessary (procedure)
108313002	Family psychotherapy procedure (regime/therapy)
1555005	Brief group psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
15558000	Expressive psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
18512000	Individual psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
228557008	Cognitive and behavioral therapy (regime/therapy)
229065009	Exercise therapy (regime/therapy)
28868002	Interactive group medical psychotherapy (regime/therapy)
372067001	Implementation of measures to provide psychological support (regime/therapy)
385721005	Coping support assessment (procedure)
385724002	Coping support management (procedure)
385725001	Emotional support assessment (procedure)
385726000	Emotional support education (procedure)
385727009	Emotional support management (procedure)
385887004	Mental health history taking assessment (procedure)
385889001	Mental health history taking education (procedure)
385890005	Mental health history taking management (procedure)
386472008	Telephone consultation (procedure)
401277000	Completion of mental health crisis plan (procedure)
405780009	Dialectical behavior therapy (regime/therapy)
410223002	Mental health care assessment (procedure)
410224008	Mental health care education (procedure)
410225009	Mental health care management (procedure)
410226005	Mental health promotion assessment (procedure)
410227001	Mental health promotion education (procedure)
410228006	Mental health promotion management (procedure)
410229003	Mental health screening assessment (procedure)
410230008	Mental health screening education (procedure)
410231007	Mental health screening management (procedure)
410232000	Mental health treatment assessment (procedure)
410233005	Mental health treatment education (procedure)
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81294000	Patient referral for psychotherapy (procedure)
88848003	Psychiatric follow-up (procedure)
91310009	Patient follow-up to return when and if necessary (procedure)
183524004	Referral to psychiatry service (procedure)
183583007	Refer to mental health worker (procedure)
183866009	Referral to emergency clinic (procedure)

306136006	Referral to liaison psychiatry service (procedure)
306137002	Referral to mental handicap psychiatry service (procedure)
306226009	Referral to mental health counseling service (procedure)
306227000	Referral for mental health counseling (procedure)
306252003	Referral to mental health counselor (procedure)
306291008	Referral to child and adolescent psychiatrist (procedure)
306294000	Referral to psychiatrist for mental handicap (procedure)
308459004	Referral to psychologist (procedure)
308477009	Referral to psychiatrist (procedure)
309627007	Child referral - clinical psychologist (procedure)
390866009	Referral to mental health team (procedure)
703978000	Referral to primary care service (procedure)
710914003	Referral to family therapy (procedure)
711281004	Referral to support group (procedure)
183524004	Referral to psychiatry service (procedure)
183528001	Referral to psychiatrist for the elderly mentally ill (procedure)
183583007	Refer to mental health worker (procedure)
183866009	Referral to emergency clinic (procedure)
306136006	Referral to liaison psychiatry service (procedure)
306137002	Referral to mental handicap psychiatry service (procedure)
306138007	Referral to psychogeriatric service (procedure)
306204008	Referral to psychogeriatric day hospital (procedure)
306226009	Referral to mental health counseling service (procedure)
306227000	Referral for mental health counseling (procedure)
306252003	Referral to mental health counselor (procedure)
306294000	Referral to psychiatrist for mental handicap (procedure)
308459004	Referral to psychologist (procedure)
308477009	Referral to psychiatrist (procedure)
390866009	Referral to mental health team (procedure)
703978000	Referral to primary care service (procedure)
710914003	Referral to family therapy (procedure)
711281004	Referral to support group (procedure)

If you prescribe a medication for depression, it will be documented when you complete the prescription.

Medications can be prescribed in the patient's chart in the **Send eRx** tab.

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New Prescription

Patient's Prescriptions +

Medication

Favorite medications
v
x

Type* Medication Compound Supply

Medication*

N/A: U
Generic
RX

SIG* !

11 / 1000

Dispense*

Dispense Unit* Tablet

DAW Yes No

Days Supply

Refills

Diagnosis Codes

Add to Favorites Add to Medication List !

Notes to Pharmacist

* Please do not enter SIG, Effective Date, Drug Name, Strength, Quantity or Dispense Unit in this field.

Numerator Exclusions

Not applicable

[Measure Information](#)