

Measure: Depression Screening & Follow Up

Population: Patients 12 years and older

Measurement Range: Depression screen completed on the date of the visit or up to 14 days prior

Required Process/Codes: Documented use of an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool **AND** if positive, a follow-up plan must be documented on the date of the encounter.

Screening Tools	Follow Up Examples (Include but not limited to)
<p>PHQ 9 applicable to all age groups, tool type must be documented.</p> <p>The depression screening must be reviewed and addressed in the office of the provider, on the date of the visit. Positive: G8431, Negative: G8510</p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p>Along with office visit code: 90791-90792, 96110, 96112, 96116, 96136, 96138, 96156, 96158, G0444</p>	<p>Referral to a practitioner or program for further evaluation for depression, ie: referral to a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, mental health counselor, or other mental health service.</p> <p>Other interventions designed to treat depression such as behavioral health evaluation, psychotherapy, pharmacological interventions, or additional treatment options.</p> <p>CPT: Psychotherapy 90832, 90834, 90837</p>

Exclusions: Documentation of depression (G9717) or bipolar diagnoses, patient refusal or medical reasons (cognitive/functional limitations).