



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** February 19, 2026  
**To:** Georgia Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Depression Screenings with Medical Provider Incentive Update

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## Summary

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) informed CareSource on December 10 about a policy update **effective March 1, 2026**, requiring medical providers or **non-behavioral health** providers who are billing *code 96127* for depression screenings, to also include code *G8431* for positive screens or *G8510* for negative screens in order to receive payment. Please note that this update **does not** apply to behavioral health providers.

Additionally, for any new positive screenings billed with *codes 96127* and *G8431*, medical providers must document a follow-up plan in the patient's medical record, which may include referrals for further evaluation or interventions such as behavioral health evaluation, psychotherapy, or pharmacological treatments. Providers can contact CareSource Provider Services or their representative for questions.

## Importance

Non-behavioral health or medical providers submitting **both** codes, *CPT 96127* and the applicable *G code*; *G8431* or *G8510* will help capture important screenings for prevention. Screening can help identify depression early and get treatment sooner.

**Please review the claim and ensure that the necessary qualifying procedure is submitted along with the depression screening code to receive payment. Claims submitted without both will be denied.**

## Questions

You're welcome to contact your dedicated provider representative by calling Provider Services at **1- 855-202-1058**, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). You may also contact your representative at [GAProviderRelations@CareSource.com](mailto:GAProviderRelations@CareSource.com).

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