



NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: August 15, 2025
To: Georgia Marketplace, Indiana Marketplace, Kentucky Marketplace, North Carolina Marketplace, Ohio Marketplace and West Virginia Marketplace Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Coding for Depression Screening & Follow-up (HEDIS® DSF-E)

Summary

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for depression among adolescent and adult populations (age 12 and older), including pregnant and postpartum women. USPSTF also recommend that screening is implemented with adequate systems in place to ensure accurate diagnosis, effective treatment, and appropriate follow-up.

To drive improvement efforts around best practices, CareSource follows the Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set® (HEDIS) developed and maintained by NCQA. This includes the **Depression Screening and Follow-up (DSF-E)** measure assessing the percentage of members aged 12 and older who were **screened for clinical depression using a standardized instrument and, if screened positive, received follow up care within 30 days**. Members diagnosed with either bipolar disorder or depression in prior measurement year are excluded from this measure.

Impact

CareSource acknowledges that some assessments and screenings are part of office encounters and are not separately billable. To address uncertainty regarding the payment of the depression screening code, CareSource suggests including it with an encounter that has at least one billable CPT code, like a well-visit code. Payment for depression screening depends on the individual patient's coverage.

Below is a list of valid standardized **depression screening** tools, including links to the most used tools, PHQ-2, PHQ-9 and Edinburgh Postnatal.

Standardized Instrument	Age ≤ 17	Age 18+	CPT Code	LOINC Code	Positive Finding
Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2)	X	X	96127	55758-7	Total score ≥ 3
Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)	X	X		44261-6	Total score ≥ 10
Patient Health Questionnaire Modified for Teens (PHQ-9M)	X			89204-2	Total score ≥ 10
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)	X	X		71354-5	Total score ≥ 10
My Mood Monitor (M-3)		X		71777-7	Total score ≥ 5
Geriatric Depression Scale Short Form (GDS)		X		48545-8	Total score ≥ 5
Geriatric Depression Scale Long Form (GDS)		X		48544-1	Total score ≥ 1
PROMIS Depression	X	X		71965-8	Total score ≥ 60
Beck Depression Inventory (BD-I)		X	GO444	89209-1	Total score ≥ 20

Beck Depression Inventory-Fast Screen (BDI-FS)	X	X		89208-3	Total score ≥ 8
Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale-Revisited (CESD-R)	X	X		89205-9	Total score ≥ 17
Duke Anxiety-Depression Scale (DUKE-AD)		X		90853-3	Total score ≥ 30
Clinically Useful Depression Outcome Scale (CUDOS)		X		90221-3	Total score ≥ 31

If the result of the completed screening tool is **positive**, any of the following qualify as compliance for **follow up** if completed within 30 days.

- An outpatient, telephone, e-visit or virtual check-in follow up visit with a diagnosis of depression or other behavioral health condition
- A depression case management encounter that documents assessment for symptoms of depression or a diagnosis of depression or other behavioral health condition
- A behavioral health encounter, including assessment, therapy, collaborative care, or medication management
- A dispensed anti-depressant medication
- Documentation of additional depression screening on a full-length instrument indicating either no depression or no symptoms that require follow up on the same day as a positive result on a brief screening tool (e.g., a negative PHQ-9 performed the same day as a positive PHQ-2)

Coding details in the table below are examples typically billed for this type of service and are subject to change. Billing these codes does not guarantee payment. Marketplace providers should refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Fee Schedule for additional information.

Types of Follow-up	ICD-10	CPT	HCPSCS
Follow-up Visits: Outpatient, Telephone, e-Visit or virtual check-in <i>Must have diagnosis of depression or other BH condition</i>	<u>Depression Diagnosis Codes:</u> F01.51, F32.0-F32.5, F32.81, F32.89, F32.9, F32.A, F33.0-F33.3, F33.40-F33.42, F33.8, F33.9, F34.1, F34.81, F34.89, F43.21, F43.23, F53.0, F53.1, O90.6, O99.340-O99.345	<u>Follow-Up Visit Codes:</u> 98960-98962, 98966-98972, 99078, 99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99217-99220, 99241-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401- 99404, 99411, 99412, 99421-99423, 99441-99444, 99457, 99483	<u>Follow-Up Visit Codes:</u> G0071, G0463, G2010, G2012, G2061-G2063, G2250- G2252, T1015
Depression Case Management		99366, 99492, 99493, 99494	G0512, T1016, T1017, T2022, T2023
Behavioral Health Encounter	<u>Other BH Condition Codes:</u> F01.51, F06.4, F10-F16, F18-F25, F28-F34, F39-F45, F51.5, F53, F60, F63, F68, F84, F90-F91, F93-F94, O90.6, O99	90791, 90792, 90832-90834, 90836-90839, 90845-90847, 90849, 90853, 90865-90870, 90875, 90876, 90880, 90887, 99484, 99492, 99493	G0155, G0176, G0177, G409, G410, G0411, G0511, G0512, H0002, H0004, H0031, H0034-H0039, H0040, H2000, H2001, H2010-H2020, S0201, S9480, S9484, S9485

Questions?

If you have questions or issues with processing the recommend depression screening code, please contact your Health Partner Representative or Provider Services at **1-833-230-2101** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The [Depression Quick Reference Guide](#) is also available as an additional resource.