

## 2015 Medicaid Depression Screenings

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### Changes & Effective Date

Previously: Depression screening was reported to Medicaid using the code 99420 (Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment instrument (e.g. Health hazard appraisal)).

Change: Effective January 1, 2015, 99420 has been replaced by two new codes, G8431 (Screening for clinical depression is documented as being positive and a follow up plan is required) and G8510 (Screening for clinical depression is documented as negative, follow up plan is not required).

### Audit, Compliance & Education (ACE) Interpretation and Recommendations

Medicaid allows a screening annually for depression in adolescent and adult clients, ages 11 and older, by a tested and validated instrument (e.g. PHQ-9, Edinburgh Postnatal Depression scale, etc.).

SmartText Templates were built so that the documentation required to support these two codes are included in the office note. An EPIC Provider Tip sheet is included in the attachment. Documentation requirements will need to include:

- G8431 – Screening is positive and what the patient’s follow up plan includes
- G8510 – Screening is negative

The PCP who sees an infant for a well-baby visit may bill for postpartum depression screening on the mother using the Medicaid ID of the infant. A Medicaid PCP may screen new mothers at a well-child visit **using the mother’s Medicaid ID**.

ICD-9 codes:

- Positive screen use Z51.89 (Encounter for other specified aftercare; Code also condition requiring care)
- Negative screen use Z13.89 (Encounter for screening other disorder)
- If the screening is billed on the mother Medicaid ID, use O99.34X for a positive screen. ‘X’ indicates an additional digit is needed.

### Assessment of Impact to the Department

Medicaid Reimbursement: \$10.28

### Outline of CU Medicine Process

Please distribute this information to your providers. If further education is needed, please contact QCAE at [audit.ed@cumedicine.us](mailto:audit.ed@cumedicine.us)

### Source/ Reference

- Colorado Children’s Healthcare Access Program, January 14, 2015 Newsletter
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Behavioral Health: Focus on Depression. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Healthy%20Living%20-%20Addressing%20Depression%20in%20Primary%20Care.pdf>