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Population: Patients 12 years and older

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

Required Codes: Documented use of an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool **AND** if positive, patients receive follow up care within 30 days of the finding.

Screening Tools:

PHQ 9 applicable to all age groups, tool type must be documented. The depression screening must be reviewed and addressed in the office of the provider, on the date of the visit.

Screen: G0444

Result: Positive: G8431, Negative: G8510

Along with office visit code: 90791-90792, 96110, 96112-96116, 96136, 96138, 96156, 96158, G0444

Follow Up Examples (Include but not limited to)

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. (*within 30 days)

Other interventions designed to treat depression such as behavioral health evaluation, psychotherapy, pharmacological interventions, or additional treatment options. **CPT:** Psychotherapy 90832, 90834, 90837

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.

Required Exclusion Codes:

Depression or bipolar diagnoses: G9717; patient refusal or medical reasons: G8433

Outreach Logic: Not included in outreach