



Codes for Documenting Depression Screening

The following codes are used to document common BH Screens:

Code	Description
CPT 96127	Brief emotional/behavioral assessment (e.g., PhQ9, GAD-7), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument
G0444	MEDICARE patients only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If SYMPTOMS are reported prior to routine screening, use CPT 96127. • If NO SYMPTOMS are reported prior to routine screening, use code G0444 instead of CPT 96127.
G8431	(with HD Modifier) Add-on code when screening is POSITIVE for clinical depression
G8510	(with HD Modifier, replaces 99420) Add-on code when screening is NEGATIVE for clinical depression
CPT 96161	Administration, scoring, and documentation of a care-giver health risk assessment standardized instrument (e.g., health hazard appraisal), including screening for maternal depression during a well-child visit. Billed using the child's ID number.