

Health Measure TIPS (To Improve Performance Sheet): Behavioral Health Screening in the First 18 Years of Life



Importance of the Measure

Early identification of behavioral disorders is critical to the well-being of children and their families. It is an essential function and the responsibility of all pediatric healthcare professionals to provide this screening and to assure that any concerns noted during the assessment are promptly addressed. Without early diagnosis and treatment, mental disorders can interfere with a child's healthy development, with problems extending into adulthood. Early identification of behavioral issues along with timely referrals to specialists and services can improve behavioral outcomes across the lifespan of a child.

Please note that the Department of Social Services will reimburse for developmental and behavioral health screenings, including those that are performed at intervals outside of the annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) visit.

Measure Description

The percentage of children ages 1-18 years who received a behavioral health screening during the measurement period.

*HUSKY Health wants to help you improve your behavioral health screening rates in the first 18 years of life and improve health outcomes for your HUSKY Health patients. **Adherence to this measure is determined by claims data, as well as by medical record review. In order to assure this information is being properly captured, the following medical record documentation is required.***

It is recommended that behavioral health screening be performed annually at regular well-child visits beginning at birth and through age 18.

Source: https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf



Required Medical Record Documentation

- Date of service for the behavioral health screening
- Documentation of the validated screening tool used (Refer to Provider Bulletin 2015-70 for validated tools for this measure)
- Evidence of a screening result or a screening score

Code and Modifiers for Behavioral Health for Children

CODE	MODIFIERS
96127	Use modifier U3 for a positive screen and U4 for a negative screen

Additional Information

For information on health measures or the programs and services made available through the HUSKY Health program:

- Visit: www.ct.gov/husky, click “**For Providers**,” then “**Health Measures**” under the “**Reports & Resources**” menu item
- Email: quality@chnct.org
- Call: 1.866.317.3301

References:

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