

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## IHCP adds coverage for annual depression screening

Effective October 1, 2016, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will cover annual depression screening. Providers are expected to use validated standardized tests for the screening. These tests include, but are not limited to, the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ), Beck Depression Inventory, Geriatric Depression Scale, and Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS). Coverage applies to all IHCP programs, subject to limitations established for certain benefit packages. Coverage applies to dates of service (DOS) on or after October 1, 2016.

Annual depression screening will be covered under Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) G0444 – *Annual depression screening, 15 minutes*. The following reimbursement information applies:

**Pricing:** Resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS).

**Prior authorization (PA):** None required.

**Billing guidance:** This service is limited to one unit per member per provider each rolling calendar year.

These changes will be reflected in the next monthly update to the [Fee Schedule](#) at [indianamedicaid.com](http://indianamedicaid.com). Reimbursement, PA, and billing information apply to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement, PA, and billing information within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and PA should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.



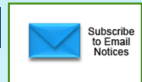
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