

Dear Valued WSCC Providers,

According to NMDOH BVRHS and UNM GPS Program, “New Mexican adults with one or more chronic medical conditions were much more likely to suffer from depression than adults without these conditions [1]”. Considering this, primary care providers (PCPs) play a critical role in recognizing and treating depression.

Western Sky Community Care (WSCC) is excited to include your practice in an innovative program, aligned with LOD #54[2] and designed to ensure our members receive the high-quality BH interventions they need. For the purpose of this Delivery System Improvement Performance Target (DSIPT), WSCC will be tracking the unique number of members who received at least one Behavioral Health outpatient visit for a Behavioral Health diagnosis listed in the top three diagnoses on encounters from a Non-Behavioral Health practitioner.

In an effort to support this, WSCC has implemented the following:

WSCC will reimburse Non-Behavioral Health practitioners \$10.00 up to four times a year for administering the PHQ-9 depression screening tool with WSCC members.

- To be reimbursed - Non-Behavioral Health practitioners will submit procedure code G0444 with Modifier U8 billed at \$0 along with a \$10 claim for either G8431 (positive screen with follow-up plan) or G8510 (negative screen) codes.

[1] <https://ibis.health.state.nm.us/report/soh/Sec11MentalHlth.html>

[2] <https://hsd-cf.rtscustomer.com/wp-content/uploads/LOD-54-BH-DSIPT.pdf>