



*Alliant Quality... Working with YOU to make Health Care Better*

*Seniors often have multiple medical problems and take many medications. Yet, symptoms of depression can masquerade as somatic complaints. Together we can make patients safer by finding masked depression.*

We are recruiting primary care practitioners to Improve Identification of Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder. Through these efforts, we aim to increase the annual screening rate for the identification of depression (G0444) and alcohol use disorders (G0442) in Medicare beneficiaries.

## Recruitment and Free Technical Assistance



If you are a primary care physician, we can provide free support and technical assistance in improving screening rates. We provide the following:

- Education on screening tools, treatment and referral processes
- Workflow analysis to improve screening efficiency
- Designing process and linkages to referral programs
- Quality improvement technical assistance and consultation
- Training in quality improvement methodologies
- Opportunities to participate in a Learning and Action Network that integrates behavioral health work with other initiatives.
- Education on best practices, shared successes and lessons learned

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**Complete the participation agreement to join these efforts in [Georgia](#) or [North Carolina](#)!**

## Assistance with Quality Reporting and Coding

- PQRS 134 (NQF 0418): Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up Plan
- CPT- G0444 – Depression Screening – 15 minutes
- CPT - G0442 – Risky Alcohol Screening – 15 minutes
- PCMH standards 3D, 3E, 4A, 4B, 5B, 6A, 6D – Comprehensive screening, treatment and coordination of care and continuous process improvement of patients with depression can be counted for one of the three chronic clinical measures

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