

Policy Number & Title:	04-22-PY23 Mental Health Screening Initiative for Primary Care Participants
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- I. **Purpose:** To describe the approach by which Primary Care Participants are paid by OneCare under a one-time Mental Health Screening Initiative as defined and set forth in this Policy.
- II. **Scope:** This Policy is applicable to the OneCare Workforce, Board of Managers, Committees, and all Primary Care Participants for Performance Year 2023 only.
- III. **Definitions:** Capitalized terms have the same definition as defined in OneCare’s *Policy and Procedure Glossary*. For purposes of this policy, the terms below have the following meanings:

Mental Health Screening Initiative refers to a one-time *optional* OneCare initiative to improve Mental Health Screening rates, follow-up on positive Mental Health Screening results, and to expand electronic documentation and reporting of Mental Health Screening results and follow-up.

Mental Health Screening Initiative Payment refers to semi-annual payments distributed by OneCare to qualifying Primary Care Participants for performing Mental Health Screening and addressing positive Mental Health Screening results, as set forth in this Policy.

Mental Health Screening, for the purpose of this one-time Mental Health Screening Initiative, refers to one of the following, when clinically indicated: (1) the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) screening assessment for depression and suicide; (2) the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2) **plus** the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) assessment of suicide risk; (3) the Patient Health Questionnaire for Adolescents (PHQ-A) screening assessment for depression and suicide; **or** (4) the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale.

IV. **Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments**

- A. For Performance Year 2023 only, Primary Care Participants can earn Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments as described in this policy by participating in the Mental Health Screening Initiative, as follows:
 - i. OneCare shall distribute Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments totaling up to \$1,638,140 in aggregate to qualifying Primary Care Participants in semi-annual installments. Primary Care Participants must qualify for each installment payment separately based on the expectations specified below.
 - ii. Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments will be paid to qualifying Primary Care Participants according to estimated mid-year Assigned Attributed Lives for all ACO Programs at the aggregate payment rate of \$9.72 per Assigned Attributed Life. By way of example, a Primary Care Practice with 1,000 Assigned Attributed Lives in all ACO Programs has an opportunity to qualify for up to \$9,720 paid semi-annually. For additional information on estimated mid-year Assignment, see

OneCare's 04-19-PY23-25 Participant Population Health Model and Payments Policy.

- iii. The first installment of Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments shall be distributed to qualifying Primary Care Participants on or about May 15, 2023. To qualify for the first Mental Health Screening Initiative Payment installment, no later than April 30, 2023, Primary Care Participants must attest to: (1) implementing a protocol to administer Mental Health Screening annually for patients twelve years of age and older and to electronically document and track Mental Health Screening results and follow-up treatment of positive results; (2) indicate an intention to routinely utilize this protocol and electronically report screening and follow-up rates to OneCare in the latter half of the year; and 3) for any practice already administering Mental Health Screening and electronically recording results and follow-up, report screening rates to OneCare for the 2022 Performance Year ("baseline period").
- iv. The second installment of Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments is only available to Participants that qualified for the first semi-annual payment. The second installment payment shall be distributed to qualifying Primary Care Participants in or about December 2023. To qualify for the second Mental Health Screening Initiative Payment installment, Primary Care Participants must electronically report year-to-date Mental Health Screening and follow-up rates to OneCare for the 2023 Performance Year ("performance period") no later than September 1, 2023, and again no later than December 1, 2023.

- B. For detailed guidance on reporting Mental Health Screening rates including measure specifications, please see *OneCare Prev-12 Preventative Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan* (PY22 available now, PY23 to be distributed to the OneCare Network in mid-April 2023).

V. Compliance with Mental Health Screening Initiative Requirements

- A. OneCare maintains the right to audit Primary Care Participants to confirm participation in the Mental Health Screening Initiative as attested to and according to the terms and conditions of this policy. Failure to comply with any requirements as set forth in this policy, including the failure to adhere to attestations, may result in delay, suspension, termination, or recoupment of Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments.
- B. Primary Care Participants may appeal the delay, suspension, termination, and/or recoupment of Mental Health Screening Initiative Payments by engaging in the process described in OneCare's 05-02 Participant, Preferred Provider and Collaborator Appeals Policy.

- VI. Review Process:** The Mental Health Screening Initiative is a one-time initiative for Program Year 2023 only. This Policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated to be consistent with the requirements established by the Board, Officers and Senior Management Executives, by federal and state law and regulations, and by accrediting and review organizations applicable to OneCare.

VII. References:

- OneCare's Policy and Procedure Glossary
- OneCare Risk Bearing Participant and Preferred Provider Agreement
- OneCare Prev-12 Preventative Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

VIII. Related Policies/Procedures

- 03-06 Assignment of Attributed Lives

- 04-19-PY23-25 Participant Population Health Model and Payments PY 2023-2025
- 05-02 Participant, Preferred Provider and Collaborator Appeals
- 05-06-PY23 ACO Network Payer Program Participation PY 2023

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