Implementation of Screening Tools and Submission of Performance Measure Data for Statewide OMHSAS PIP – Improving Suicide Prevention and Community Resilience

As required by PA DHS (**OMHSAS**) and outlined in **CBH Provider Bulletin 25-17**, providers will be responsible for implementing screening tools for depression, suicide risk, and social determinants of health (SDOH). This bulletin outlines the requirements for implementation of required screening tools and submission of data for performance measures.

Screening Tool Requirements

CBH aims to ensure that quality care is provided to all members and has adopted standardized screening tools considered as the best practice to address screening for depression, suicide risk, and SDOH. All CBH providers will be required to implement the following screening tools within 30 days of this bulletin notification. CBH has published an **HL7 Submission Guide**, available on the CBH website's **Provider Manual page** under the "Additional Documents" tab. Providers will also be notified via the **Provider News Blast** of available screening program guidelines and training opportunities when they become available.

Required Screening Tools	Resources
Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)	The PHQ-9 is in the public domain and does not require permission for use. ➡ **APA Report: Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9 & PHQ-2)** *(Includes link to a PHQ screener generator)*
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) *(Providers may utilize the PHQ-9 in lieu of the EPDS)*	The EPDS is copyrighted by **The Royal College of Psychiatrists** (RC Psych) and does not require permission for use. Users may reproduce the scale but must provide the copyright by quoting the names of the authors, title, and the source of the paper in all reproduced copies: ➡ *Cox, J.L., Holden, J.M., and Sagovsky, R. 1987. Detection of postnatal depression. Development of the 10-Item Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale. British Journal of Psychiatry 150: 782-786.* Written permission must be obtained from RC Psych for copying and distributing to others or for republication (in print, online, or by any other medium). A **template** and supporting information can be found at the **Stanford Medicine Division of Neonatal and Developmental Medicine**.
Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs (AHC HRSN) *OR* Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE)	The AHC HRSN and PRAPARE screening tools are free to use. However, organizations should download the corresponding toolkit below for proper attribution and licensing of the tools. ➡ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) maintains **A Guide to Using the AHC HRSN Screening Tool**. The **CMS Accountable Health Communities Model webpage** hosts the AHC HRSN Screening Tool in multiple languages. ➡ The **PRAPARE website** hosts a **PRAPARE Implementation and Action Toolkit** here for information on how to license the tool.

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	*Please Note: The PRAPARE website is under maintenance as of this Bulletin release. If you have any questions, please contact the National PRAPARE Team at **prapare@nachc.org**.*
Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)	**The Columbia Lighthouse Project** hosts **a protocol** to determine the appropriate C-SSRS for your organization.

Performance Measure Data Submission

Beginning September 2, 2025, CBH will begin collecting screening results from providers via HL7 Version 2.5.1 ORU^R01 message version, in accordance with the **HL7 Implementation Guide** for batch processing and via claims data. Providers will submit HL7 files via IPSWITCH and submission of files should be uploaded to the HL7 subfolder. All files should use the following naming convention:

"par.xxxx_HL7_YYYYMMDD.HL7"

XXXX refers to your respective 4-digit parent ID number. The date should be the date the file is uploaded into IPSWITCH.

CBH has posted an HL7 Submission Guide and will provide additional guidance on this process in upcoming trainings and Provider News Blast messaging. At a minimum, providers will be expected to submit the following information for each screening tool:

Required Screening Tool	Submission Requirements	Resources
PHQ-9	➥ PHQ-9 completion date and total score ➥ Follow-up encounter claims	Corresponding LOINC codes (See **CBH HL7 Submission Guide, Attachment B**)
EPDS	➥ EPDS completion date and total score ➥ Follow-up encounter claims	Corresponding LOINC codes (See **CBH HL7 Submission Guide, Attachment B**)
AHC HRSN Screening Tool *OR* PRAPARE	➥ Responses to questions around food, housing, and transportation ➥ Interventions to positive responses on food, housing, and transportation	Corresponding LOINC and SNOMED codes (See **CBH HL7 Submission Guide, Attachment B and Attachment C**)
C-SSRS	Corresponding M codes as outlined in **CBH Provider Bulletin 25-23** (July 21, 2025).	

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