### Behavioral Health Screening

**HCPCS H0002**

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**Service Definition:** Behavioral Health Screening is provided to determine eligibility for admission to behavioral health treatment services, and may include the following: Integrated mental health and substance use disorders screening, mental health screening, alcohol screening and drug abuse screening.

The behavioral health screen is a preliminary procedure limited in nature and intended to merely indicate whether there is a probability that a mental health problem and/or drug/alcohol abuse or dependence problem is present. This screen may be accomplished using any one of a collection of nationally accepted standardized screening tools that are appropriately designed for the individuals being screened.

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<td>Target Population</td>
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#### Program Requirements

- **Basic requirements**
  1. An intake identifying presenting problems and issues must be completed. It may include information obtained from the client’s family and/or significant others and collateral contacts as well as other agencies.
  2. The behavioral health screening is a preliminary written report, and must be completed within 7 days of admission, to allow the agency time to gather information from the client, family members and collateral sources.
  3. Multi-agency involvement in the screening process enables better identification of the individual’s needs and possible interventions.
  4. The behavioral health screening must address, at a minimum the following:
     a) Identifying information;
     b) Referral source and reasons for referral;
     c) Client strengths;
     d) Presenting problem(s);
     e) Interpersonal relationships;
     f) Work, school strengths and weaknesses;
     g) Medical/physical health; and
     h) Substance use.

#### Provider Requirements

Services must be delivered by an individual practitioner or practitioners employed by a behavioral health provider organization. The organization must be a legally recognized entity in the United States, qualified to do business in New Mexico, and must meet standards established by the State of NM or its designee, and requirements of the funding source.
### Staffing Requirements

Both clinical services and supervision by licensed practitioners must be in accord with their respective licensing board regulations.

**Minimum requirements:**
- Licensed as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor (LADAC)
- Bachelor’s Degree in human services related field and a combination of relevant education, training and experience totaling four years; or

**Staff Supervision:**
- Masters Degree in human services related field plus screening experience or relevant education, training and experience totaling six years with one year experience in conducting and writing screenings.

**Independent Practitioners:**
- Licensed independent social worker (LISW); or
- Licensed professional clinical mental health counselor (LPCC); or
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).

### Documentation Requirements

In addition to the standard client record documentation requirements for all services, the following is required for this service:

Completed screening must be signed and dated by staff completing the screening and by the supervisor.

### Service Exclusions

#### Admission/Service Criteria

#### Continuing Service Criteria

#### Discharge Criteria

#### Service Authorization Period

#### Service Authorization Unit

#### Benefit Limits