
To the Quality Council:

Please consider the broad behavioral health screening measure, at least as a place holder at this time. I recognize that the pediatric work group members did not want a measure that named a specific tool, but at this time the Pediatric Symptom Checklist is the gold standard, in the public domain, covers ages 4 and older, has a unique billing code, is recognized by NQF and is widely used, which allows for benchmarking at the practice, plan, ACO and state levels. Pediatric behavioral health screening in primary care is also recognized in the Children's Behavioral Health Plan under implementation by DCF and has been the focus of a DSS work group over that past two years. It supports NCQA behavioral health and primary care standards.

Thanks.

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