



**TO: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTICIPATING AND NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS
RE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SCREENING
IMPACTED PLANS: MAINSTREAM MEDICAID PLANS AND HIV SNP PLANS**

Dear MetroPlusHealth Provider,

Effective April 1, 2024, MetroPlusHealth will begin to cover and reimburse for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screening conducted in primary care settings **for children and individuals up to 21 years of age**. An annual ACEs screening will be covered if determined appropriate and medically necessary.

Please Note: Screening for ACEs is always voluntary to minimize the risk of retraumatizing the individual/family. Parents/caregivers should complete the ACEs screening on behalf of children under 13 years of age.

Providers are expected to make referrals to appropriate resources, such as mental health providers or community-based organizations, for any needs identified or requested as the result of the screening.

***Billing and Coding Guidelines**

- ACEs Screening Frequency: permitted once per year for children and individuals under 21 years.
- The supervising licensed (**billing**) provider **must** be enrolled as a NYS Medicaid provider and obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Approved Providers:

- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)
- Ordered Ambulatory Clinics
- Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPD)
- FQHCs – *ACEs Screening is included within the Prospective Payment System (PPS) primary care rate.*

Billing Codes

- **G9919 with modifiers U1 and U9**
 - G9919: Screening was performed, and positive provision of recommendations is used for *high risk patients.
 - *Providers may bill this HCPCS code when the patient's ACE score is 4 or greater (high risk)

- **G9920 with modifiers U1 and U9**
 - G9920: Screening was performed and negative

**Billing and coding are based solely on the total ACEs score.*

Please see DOH Referenced Sources here:

1. [Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma document](#)
2. [Aces Aware "Screening Tools" web page](#)
3. [Project TEACH \(projectteachny.org\)](#)

Thank you.

MetroPlusHealth