



TO: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTICIPATING AND NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

RE: EXPANDED REIMBURSEMENT TO POPULATION FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SCREENING

IMPACTED PLANS: MAINSTREAM MEDICAID, HIV SNP, and HARP

Dear MetroPlusHealth Provider:

Effective January 1, 2025, per updated mandate issued by New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), MetroPlusHealth will expand coverage and reimbursement for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screenings conducted in primary care settings when provided to **adults 21 years to 65 years of age**.

Please refer to our previous memo of State issued coverage and billing guidelines for children up to 21 years in Medicaid and HIV SNP plans at [Reimbursement-for-Adverse-Childhood-Experiences-Screening-Memo_FINAL.pdf \(metroplus.org\)](#).

Billing Guidelines and Criteria:

- Coverage of ACEs screening is **limited to once per lifetime** for adults 21 years to 65 years of age.
- Screening for ACEs is always voluntary, to minimize the risk of retraumatizing the individual.
- **Please Note:** Annual ACEs screening will continue to be covered for children and adolescents up to 21 years of age in Mainstream and HIV SNP, as determined appropriate and medically necessary.

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.

Approved Providers:

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

Licensed, or unlicensed staff under the supervision of a licensed provider, with experience in trauma-informed care can bill for screening, in accordance with Medicaid guidelines.

Billing Codes:

Procedure Code	Modifiers	Description	Allowance Per NYS Medicaid Member
G9919	U1 and U9	ACEs screening was performed, and positive*, provision of recommendations is used for high-risk patients.	One lifetime screen only for adults 21 years of age to 65 years of age.
G9920	U1 and U9	ACES screening was performed and negative.	One lifetime screen only for adults 21 years of age to 65 years of age.

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

Please see DOH Referenced Sources here:

- "Modified ACEs questionnaire based on the original Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-Kaiser Permanente ACEs study:
 - Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS) [Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma document](#).
 - [ACEs Aware "Screening Tools" web page](#)"
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire for Adults](#), intended for individuals 18 years of age to 65 years of age, to be completed by the patient.

- *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Module*, intended for individuals 18 years of age to 65 years of age."

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact MetroPlusHealth at:
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Thank you.

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