Maternal Depression Screening

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reimburse Maternal Depression Screening procedure code 96161 at $2.38.

The MHD will reimburse the lower of the provider’s billed charge or the maximum allowable amount for the date of service billed. Providers must bill their usual and customary rate and may not bill the MHD at a higher rate than they charge their private pay patients.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) Web site at http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/ to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient’s MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient’s eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

Provider Communications Hotline
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