

Document Depression Screening and Follow-up Plan using iKnowMed's Patient History Tab

In this lesson, you will learn the required documentation steps for the **MIPS# 134 Preventive Care Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan** quality measure using the **Patient History Tab Depression Screening tool**.

- **Depression screening results must be entered on the date of the qualifying visit.**
- If positive, the follow-up plan **MUST** be provided for and discussed with the patient during the qualifying encounter and included in the visit notes. **Follow up plan must be entered into iKM using "Add Depression Status" in Observation tab on the date of the qualifying visit or no later than 2 days following the visit.**
- Depression screening must be completed on the date of the **qualifying encounter or within 14 days prior** to the qualifying encounter.
 - If you elect to screen prior to the office visit date, must document the screening result **on the date of the visit**. If the outcome is positive, the follow up plan must be entered into iKM using the **"Add Depression Status" in Observation on the date of the visit or no later than 2 days following the visit**.
- If the patient **refuses screening**, the documentation must be entered on the **date of the encounter or no later than 2 days following the visit**.

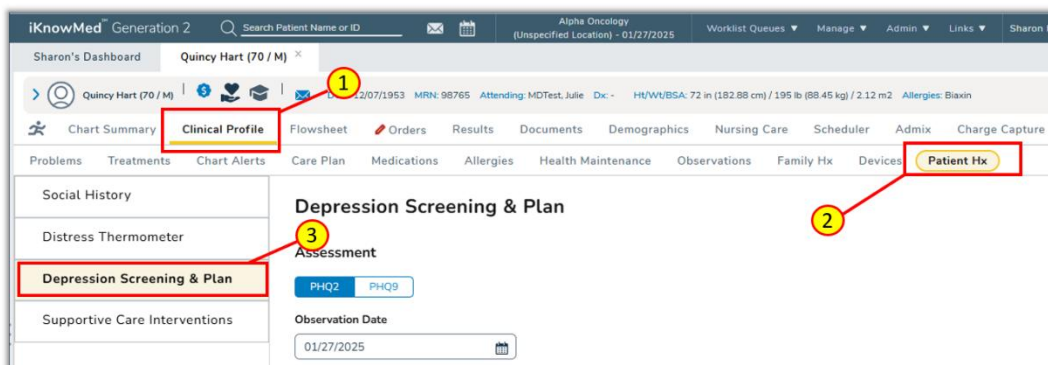
Exclusions:

- Patients with a previous diagnosis of bipolar are excluded from the measure. This can be an active or inactive diagnosis included in the problem list prior to the qualifying visit.
- Note: if a patient is diagnosed with bipolar at the qualifying visit, a documented follow-up plan is required for that visit.

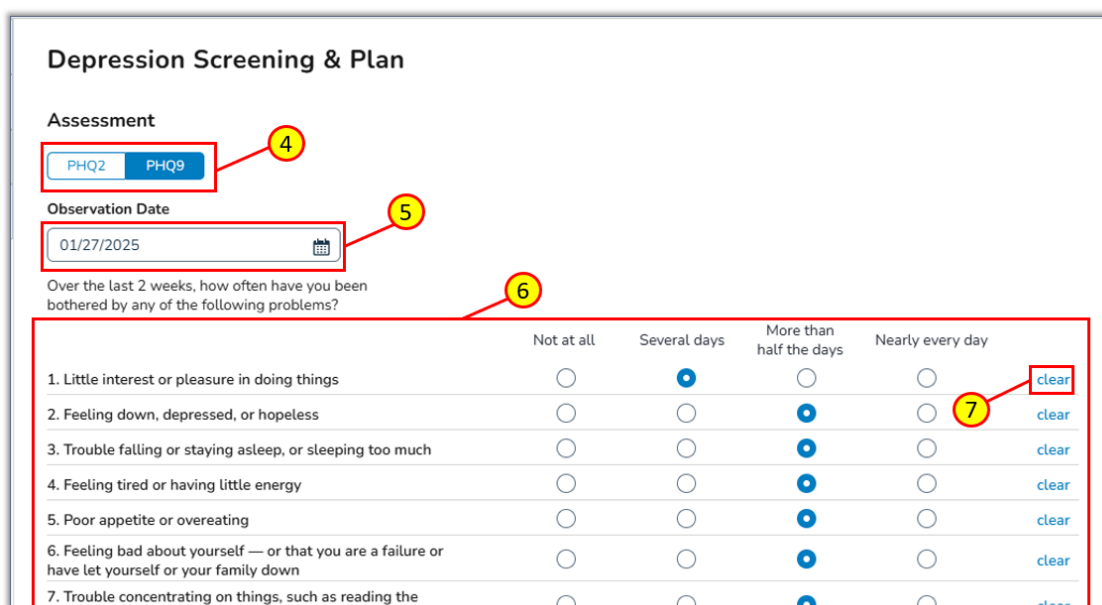


Suicide Risk Assessment alone does not meet the numerator requirement as a valid follow-up plan. If it is checked with no other action plan selected, a confirmation pop-up will be displayed when you click **SAVE**, warning that this plan alone **does not meet the MIPS program requirements**.

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1. Click on the **Clinical Profile** tab
2. Go to the Patient History Tab
3. Click on the Depression Screening & Plan in the menu



4. Indicate which screening tool is being used, **PHQ-2 or PHQ-9** by clicking on the tool name. In this example, we are documenting a PHQ-9.
5. Use the calendar widget to add the **date of the screening visit**.
6. Using the appropriate radio buttons, enter the **patient's responses to each question**.
7. If an incorrect radio button is clicked, it may be cleared by clicking on the blue clear.

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8. A PHQ-2 may also be documented.

9. Enter any optional comments in the comments box, if desired.

10. The results box will display the screening score, tool used, depression severity, and if a plan is needed. As shown here, if the screening is positive, the box will turn pink, indicating positive depression screening result.

Note: If positive, a follow-up plan must be shared with the patient on the date of the visit and documented within 2 days of the screening visit.

11. The date will default to the current day or use the calendar widget to select the date of follow up plan documentation. **The date of the follow up plan is required to be documented and must be no later than 2 days after the EM screening visit.**

12. Using the radio buttons, document the follow up plans.

13. Comments may be added, if desired.

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14. If a plan is not documented, a **(Reminder: Plan Needed)** indicator will appear and the SUBMIT button will be greyed out, as indicated by the arrow.

15. If the patient indicated a positive response to the self-harm question in the PHQ-9, a warning box will display at the top of the screening.

16. Adding the plan date, using the options listed, document the follow-up plan by checking all boxes relevant. **The date of the follow up plan is required to be documented and must be no later than 2 days after the EM screening visit.**

Note: Suicide Risk Assessment by itself does not meet the numerator requirement as a valid follow-up plan. If it is checked with no other action plan selected, a confirmation pop-up will be displayed when you click SAVE, warning that this plan alone does not meet the MIPS program requirements.

17. Click **SUBMIT**.

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18. If the screening is positive and the patient declines treatment, **enter the date of the follow up plan documentation. The date of the follow up plan is required to be documented and must be no later than 2 days after the EM screening visit.**

19. Check the box next to “Patient declined treatment.”

20. To save, click **SUBMIT**.

The screenshot shows a PHQ2 assessment form. At the top, there are tabs for 'PHQ2' and 'PHQ9'. Below that is the 'Observation Date' field with the value '01/27/2025'. The main question asks: 'Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?'. There are four frequency options: 'Not at all', 'Several days', 'More than half the days', and 'Nearly every day'. Two items are listed: '1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things' and '2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless'. Both items have the 'Not at all' radio button selected. A red box highlights the summary section at the bottom, which shows a score of '0 PHQ2 score', 'Negative Depression Severity', and 'No Plan needed?'. A yellow circle with the number '21' points to the 'No Plan needed?' text.

21. If the screening is negative, the results box will show score and no plan needed.

The screenshot shows the 'Depression Plan' section of the form. At the top, a checkbox labeled 'Patient declined to complete assessment' is checked and highlighted with a red box. Below this is the 'Depression Plan' header. There is a 'Plan Date' field with a placeholder 'mm/dd/yyyy' and a 'clear' button. A yellow circle with the number '22' points to the 'clear' button. Under 'Plan Details', there are several unchecked checkboxes: 'Suicide risk assessment', 'Referral to a practitioner who is qualified to diagnose and treat depression', 'Under current care with a practitioner who is qualified to diagnose and treat depression', 'Pharmacological interventions', 'Other interventions or follow-up for the diagnosis or treatment of depression', and 'Patient declined treatment'. To the right is a 'Comments' field with a 'clear' button. At the bottom right, there are 'CANCEL' and 'SUBMIT' buttons. A yellow circle with the number '23' points to the 'SUBMIT' button.

22. If the patient declines to complete the screening, scroll down under the assessment, before the follow up plan section and check the box “**Patient declined to complete assessment.**”

23. To save, click **SUBMIT**.

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Date	Score	Comments	Plan	Plan Comments	Source	Last updated	
01/27/2025	18/27	-	Under current care with a practitioner who is qualified to diagnose and treat depression	Seeing Dr. Radar for counseling since 2023	Practice user	01/27/2025 by Sharon Hart 15:03	EDIT
12/10/2024	24/27	-	Referral to a practitioner who is qualified to diagnose and treat depression. Under current care with a practitioner who is qualified to diagnose and treat depression	-	Practice user	12/10/2024 by Sharon Hart 14:32	EDIT
03/30/2024	4/6	-	Pharmacological interventions	-	Practice user	04/17/2024 by Sharon ZAlexander 15:09	EDIT
03/28/2024	4/6	-	Pharmacological interventions	-	Practice user	05/16/2024 by Sharon ZAlexander 14:18	EDIT

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24. Past screenings are available at the bottom of the screen.

25. Click **EDIT** to review or revise.

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ADD EXTERNAL MED No Known External Medications

VERIFY INACTIVATE Active Pending Inactive Removed SHOW RX HX RECONCILE ELECTRONICALLY RECONCILED ...

Type/Description	Start	End	Status
Prescriptions			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fluoxetine Oral 40 mg capsule 1 capsule orally daily.	04/28/2026	--	Active

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26. An active or prescribed depression medication is also considered a valid follow up plan.

This concludes the lesson on **MIPS# 134 Preventive Care Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan** using the iKM Patient History Tab.