

Document Depression Screening and Follow up, using Observations tab or Adverse Events in iKnowMed

In this lesson, you will learn the required documentation for the MIPS #134 Preventive Care Screening for Depression and Follow Up Plan quality measure.

- Depression Status for a patient can be documented in more than one location within a patient chart.
- Depression screening must be completed on the date of the qualifying encounter or within 14 days prior to the qualifying encounter.
- If positive, a follow-up plan must be documented on the date of the qualifying encounter or up to 2 days following the visit.
 - In 2024, it is optional to document the date of the documentation of the follow-up plan. Complete the follow-up plan details. The measure specifications state the follow-up plan should be documented within 2 days following the visit.
 - Required starting 1/1/2025: The date on which the follow-up plan was documented must be included and must be no later than 2 days following the visit.
- If the patient **refuses screening**, the documentation must be entered on the date of the encounter even if the refusal is 14 days prior.

Exclusions: Patients with a previous diagnosis bipolar are excluded from the measure. This can be an active or inactive diagnosis included in the problem list prior to the qualifying visit.

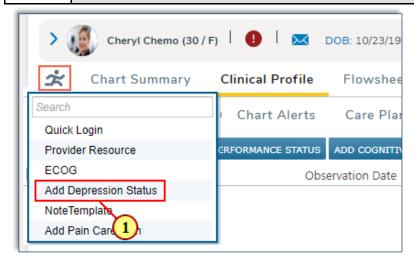
NEW FOR 2024: Previous active or inactive diagnosis of depression is *no longer a denominator exclusion.*

Note: If a patient is diagnosed with a bipolar diagnosis at the qualifying visit, a documented follow-up plan is required for that visit. This includes documenting the reason for not screening due to an active bipolar diagnosis for the first time if the diagnosis is not on the problem list, this will not meet the exclusion requirements.





Note: Suicide Risk Assessment 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.



1. One way to open the **Add Depression Status** dialog box is from the **Quick Action Menu**, accessed via the "running man" button below the patient's picture.

For information about adding shortcuts to the **Quick Action Menu**, refer to the **Customize Quick Action Menu** module.



2. Another option is to click **Add Depression Status** in **Observations** under the patient's **Clinical Profile**.

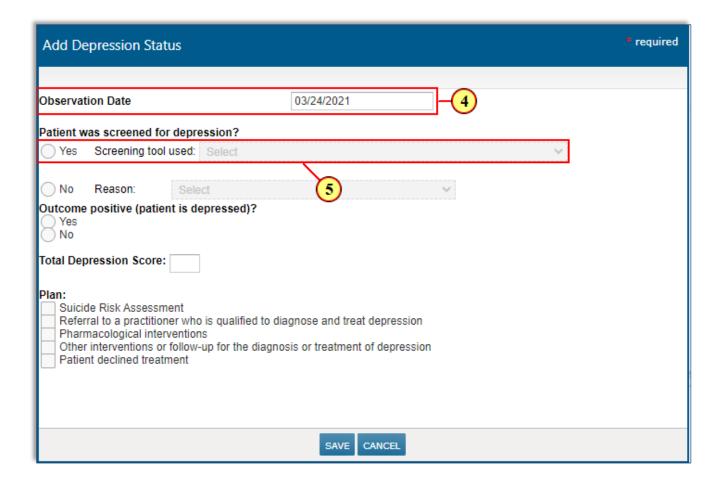




3. You may also document depression status under the **Nursing Care Tab** using **Show Adverse Events**, then **Add Depression Status**.



Regardless of how you access the **Add Depression Status** window, the documentation process is the same.



4. By default, the **Observation Date** is set to the current date.

If needed, you can change the date by typing in the **Observation Date** field.

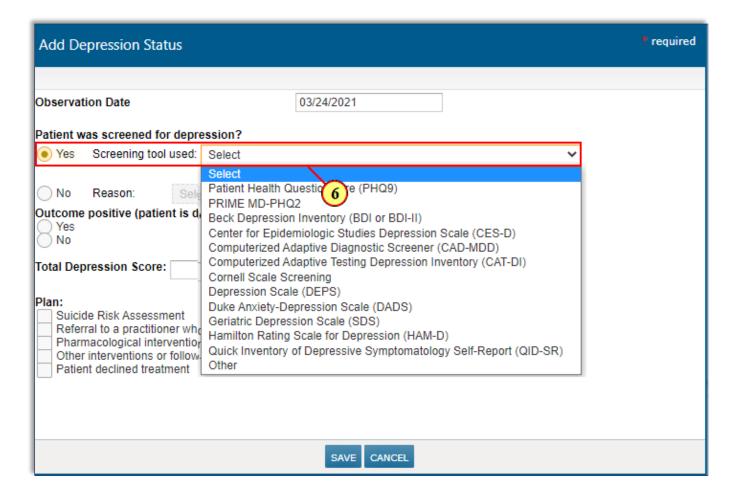
- 5. Selecting a radio button or a checkbox next to a value allows you to document the following information:
 - Patient was screened for depression?
 - Outcome positive (patient is depressed)?
 - Plan





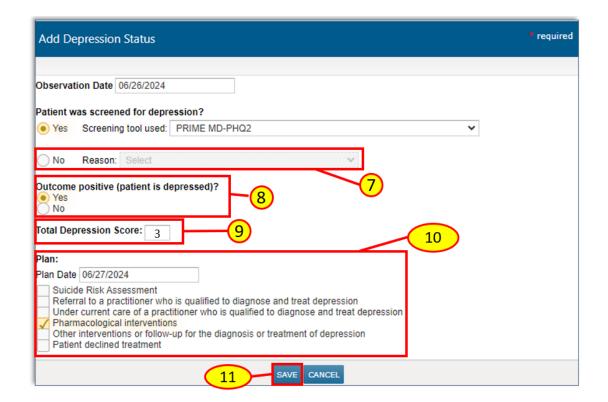
Note: when the outcome is positive, a follow up plan should be documented in the visit note and shared with the patient on the date of the visit. It should be documented in the Observations tab or Adverse Events on the same day of the visit or up to 2 days after the visit.

 If you elect to screen prior to the visit date, the documentation of the screening and outcome should be held until the day of the visit. If needed the follow up plan can be added on the date of the visit or up to 2 days after the visit, or entered again on the date of the visit.



6. Selecting **Yes** allows you to choose the **Screening tool** used from the drop-down menu.





7. Selecting **No** allows you to choose the reason a patient was not screened from the drop-down menu.

NOTE: Documenting the reason for not screening due to an active bipolar diagnosis for the first time if the diagnosis is not on the problem list, will not meet the exclusion requirements.

- 8. Document the screening outcome.
- 9. To add the **Total Depression Score** to the chart, enter the value based on the screening tool used.

Note: adding the score is optional and is not required to meet the quality measures.

10. For 2024, it is optional to add the date of the documentation of the follow-up plan, which must be within 2 days of screening. Complete the follow-up plan details.

Screenings completed on or after January 1, 2025, will be required to have a follow-up plan date of documentation to meet the measure. Screenings prior to this date do not require the follow-up date to be included.

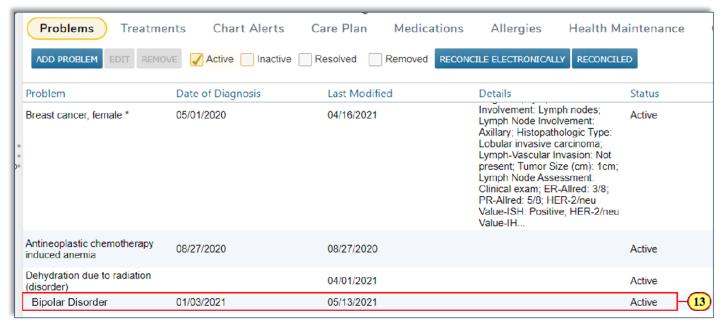
NOTE: Suicide Risk Assessment by itself will not meet the numerator requirements.

11. Once the **Outcome** and **Plan** are documented, click **SAVE** to add the **Depression Status** details to the patient chart.

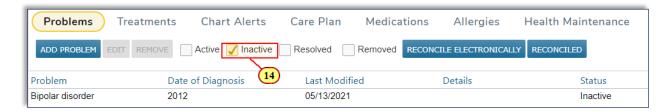




12. <u>Suicide Risk Assessment does not meet the numerator requirement.</u> If it is checked with no other action selected, a confirmation pop-up is displayed when you click **SAVE**, warning that this plan alone does not meet **EOM** or **MIPS** program requirements.



13. An active diagnosis can be found on the Problem List.



14. Click the **Inactive** checkbox under the **Problem list** to review for inactive problems.

This concludes the lesson on MIPS #134 Preventive Care Screening for Depression and Follow Up Plan.