

Documenting Alcohol Screening

1. View AUDIT-C Score on Scales and Assessments on Ambulatory Workflow after completed by clinical staff.
2. If Score is Positive: Document Annual Screening for alcohol and follow up plan.
In women, a score of 3 or more is considered positive. In men, a score of 4 or more is considered positive.
3. Add ICD-10 code: Z13.39 Alcohol screening to patient’s problem list.
4. Document in Assessment and Plan.
5. If patient counseled 15 or more minutes, submit applicable counseling charge.

Counseling CPT-4 Codes

Payer	CPT-4	Cerner Description	CPT-4 Description
Commercial, Medicaid	99408	Alcohol and/or Substance abuse screening, 15-30 mins	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, 15-30 minutes
Commercial, Medicaid	99409	Alcohol and/or Substance abuse screening, 30 minutes	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, greater than 30 minutes
Medicare	G0442	Annual Alcohol screen, 15 min	Screening for alcohol misuse in adults, 15 minutes. No coinsurance; no deductible for patient.
Medicare	G0443	Brief Alcohol Misuse Counsel	Brief face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol abuse, 15 minutes. Up to 4/year for individuals who screen positive for alcohol misuse. No coinsurance; no deductible for patient.

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