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# Maternal Mental Health Screening Requirements, **Guidelines, and Resources for Providers**

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers regarding Maternal Mental Health screening requirements, quidelines, and resources for providers.

#### **Screening Requirements**

Assembly Bill (AB) 2193 Maternal Mental Health requires a licensed health care practitioner who provides prenatal or postpartum care for a patient to offer to screen or appropriately screen a mother for maternal mental health conditions. "Health care practitioner means a physician and surgeon, naturopathic doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse-midwife, or a midwife licensed ... who is acting within his or her scope of practice.

#### **Screening Pregnant Members**

Molina requires the use of a validated tool or set of tools to assess the member's mental health, either in the prenatal or postpartum period or both.

Two widely utilized examples are:

- The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) form: https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Home/GetFileByID/218,
- The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) form: https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/pediatrics/downloads/edinburghscale.pdf,

#### **Claim Codes for Maternal Mental Health Screening**

Molina requires healthcare providers to document Mental Health screening using the claim codes below:

USPSTF Recommendation Topic	CPT/HCPCS Codes	
Depression screening Pregnant or postpartum	<b>G8431 (positive)</b> *With modifier HD for Medi-Cal members	
	G8510 (negative) *With modifier HD for Medi-Cal members	

#### **Provider Follow-Up Responsibilities**

- Pregnant/postpartum members with positive screening results may be treated by the Provider within the Provider's scope of practice.
- When the condition is beyond the Provider's scope of practice, the Provider must refer the member to a mental health provider within the Molina network. Molina providers may screen further for referrals into the County system of care if clinically indicated.
- Medi-Cal Members: Obstetricians (OBs), Primary Care Providers (PCPs), and Mental Health Providers in Molina's network must refer pregnant/postpartum members with significant impairment resulting from a covered mental health diagnosis to the County Mental Health Program. Per DHCS APL 17-018, "Significant impairment in an important area of life functioning or a reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning would qualify for referral to the County Mental Health Plan." Additionally, when the member has a significant impairment and the diagnosis is uncertain, Molina providers must ensure the member is referred to the County MHP for further assessment.
- Molina High-Risk OB Program: In addition to treatment by the provider or referral to a
  Mental Health Provider, Practitioners may also refer to Molina's High-Risk OB Program for case
  management support and follow-up. The program utilizes a collaborative team approach that
  includes risk screening and identification by Molina nurses, clinical case management for
  members with positive screenings, and member education to promote optimal pregnancy
  outcomes for Molina pregnant members. Please call the number below:
  - Molina High Risk OB Program: (866) 891-2320

#### **Resources**

<u>WeConnect</u> – Molina Healthcare offers a HIPPA-compliant mobile application that utilizes behavioral therapy to support <u>Medi-Cal</u> members with mental health conditions (i.e., depression, anxiety, disordered eating), and substance use disorders. Certified peer support specialists engage members via in-app messenger, phone, and video calls. Members are provided incentives for completing activities related to their care plan. See attached brochure for more details.

To refer, please complete the referral form at: <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/213005264240137">https://hipaa.jotform.com/213005264240137</a>. Once the referral is made, please provide the member with a copy of the brochure.

#### **Molina Health Education Materials**

- Clear and Easy Booklets on Postpartum Depression (#17) and Stress and Depression (#3) are available free to members and providers online at:
  - https://www.molinahealthcare.com/members/ca/en-US/mem/medicaid/medical/coverd/hm/health-education-materials
  - o Or by calling the **Member and Provider Contact Center**:
    - Medi-Cal: (888) 665-4621, 7 am-7 pm, Monday Friday

Online health education materials on a variety of topics, including pregnancy and postpartum depression, can be found at:

https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ca/medicaid/resource/Health-Education-Materials.aspx

#### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative. Please refer to the phone numbers listed below:

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San Bernardino	Luana McIver	909-501-3314	<u>Luana.Mciver@molinahealthcare.com</u>
San Bernardino / Riverside County	Vanessa Lomeli	909-577-4355	Vanessa.Lomeli2@molinahealthcare.com
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The WEconnect mobile app can help empower your recovery. With WEconnect, you can:

- Create healthy routines and get daily reminders
- Track your progress as you reach your mental health and wellness goals

# Works with All Recovery Programs

The WEconnect app accommodates all recovery programs, including support for maternal and postpartum depression, providing a beneficial experience for all.

# Live Online Support Meetings

WEconnect offers online recovery meetings 6+ times a day through the app. They're open to all pathways of recovery and include weekly meetings for women, LGBTQIA+, harm reduction, grief support, and families and loved ones of those in recovery and more.

## Download the app to get started

"Best app ever. Truly has helped me with my recovery. It gives me something to look forward to every day and it keeps me on routine."

WEconnect member

"Thank you for this meeting. I love having a safe place to connect with other women that get it!"

-Molina member

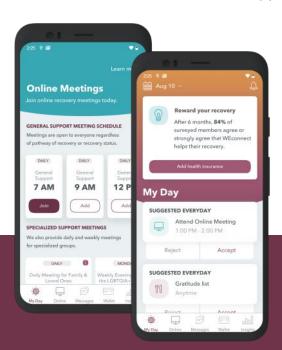
"WEconnect is great. I'm glad I was given the opportunity to be a part of the program!"

-Molina member

## What Is WEconnect?

Born of our founders' experiences of recovery, the WEconnect app is a supportive tool that encourages folks on their wellness journey. It's the tool we wish we'd had!

Through the app, a certified Peer Support Specialist can work with you on a plan to reach your goals in recovery. When you follow through with supportive daily routines, you earn rewards! Why? Studies show that people who bolster their behavioral health have a greater chance of recovery. Any healthy habit you want to reinforce can be added to the app!



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Earn your first reward in 10 minutes!

### **Get Started**

- Download the WEconnect Health app from the Apple App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).
- 2. Create an account through the app
- 3. Enter your insurance information on your Molina CA insurance card
- 4. Add your support and self-care routines
- 5. Farn rewards!

"I love WEconnect! I love my routine, and I love the online meetings! I highly recommend WEconnect to all those in any form of recovery."

- WEconnect member





# Reward Your Wellness

