

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

HEALTH SYSTEMS BRANCH

INTEGRATED HEALTH BRANCH

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SUBJECT: LICENSURE THRESHOLDS FOR LICENSED OUTPATIENT SERVICES

The Department of Health provides this guidance to clarify that facilities licensed to provide outpatient primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43A-20 through 23, N.J.A.C. 10:161B, N.J.A.C. 10:37E, and N.J.A.C. 10:37F may provide the following preventative services without seeking additional licensure from the Department:

- Anxiety screening
- Blood pressure screening
- Cholesterol screening
- Depression screening
- Diabetes screening
- Hepatitis screening
- HIV screening
- Providing education related to chronic conditions
- Substance use disorder screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT)
- Suicide risk assessment and safety planning
- Tobacco use screening
- Trauma screening
- Tuberculosis screening

“Screening” means a process for detecting potential health disorders or diseases and determining whether a patient should undergo diagnostic testing to identify the presence or absence of a disease.

Contact information

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