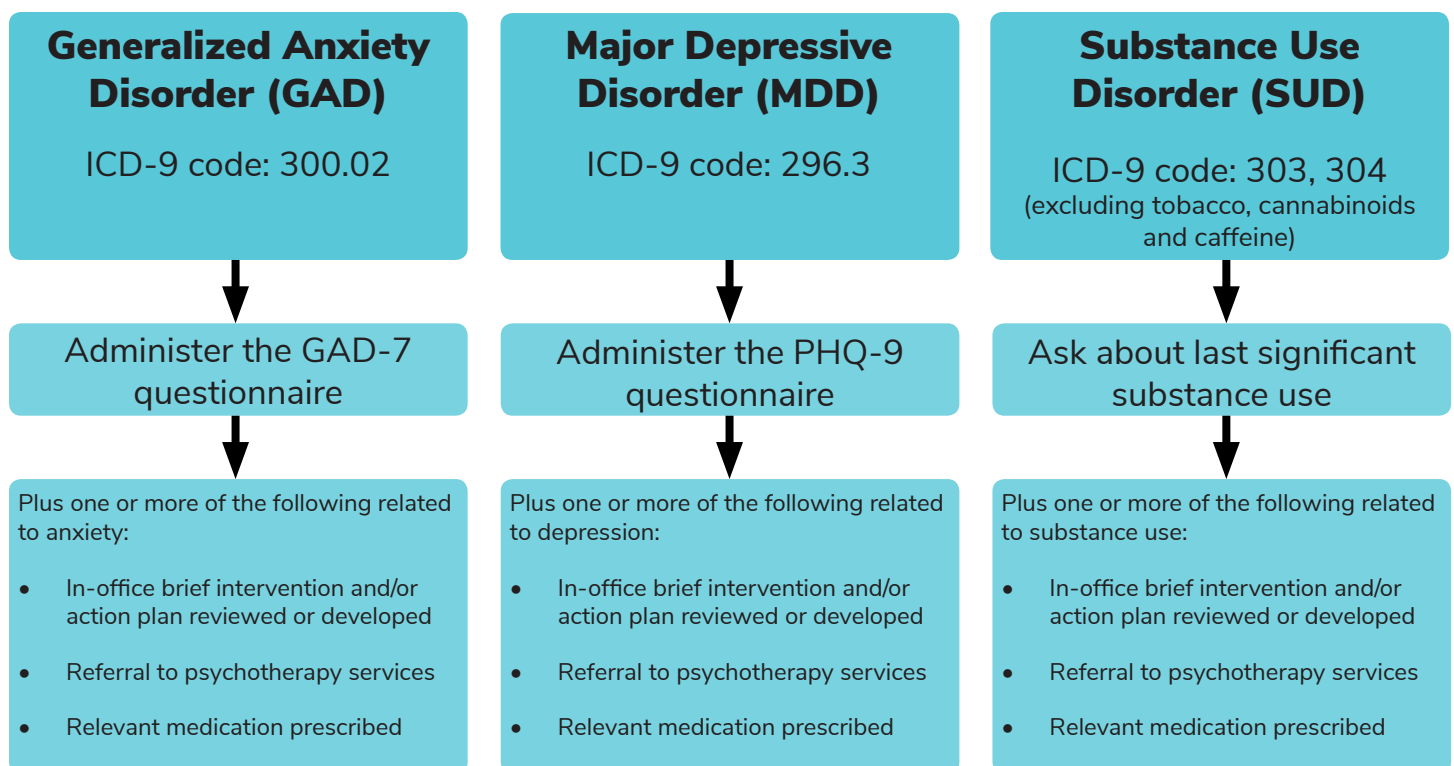


Mental Health and Addictions Management: Updates to Manitoba's Primary Care Quality Indicators

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living recently added new primary care quality indicators (PCQIs) in support of management of conditions related to mental health and addictions. Three conditions have been included: (1) Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD); (2) Major Depressive Disorder (MDD); and (3) Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Each disorder has associated EMR alerts and reminders related to assessment and management. By entering information in your Certified EMR, the care you provide can be included in your monthly Primary Care Data Extract (PCDE) and can be used to support Comprehensive Care Management tariffs effective September 1, 2020 for mental health and addictions management. Learn more about the updates below!

What are the new Mental Health and Addictions indicators?

Once certified to the new PCQIs, your EMR will provide alerts and reminders for care or management **within the last 12 months** as outlined for each disorder below.



How do I get access to the new alerts and reminders?

You must be using a Certified EMR that has achieved certification to the latest version (version 4.1) of the Primary Care Quality Indicator Reminders and Data Extract specification. To review the status of your EMR, visit the [EMR Certification status table](#) on our website.

Have questions about PCQIs? Contact your Home Clinic Liaison directly or the Home Clinic team at:

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Why are Primary Care Quality Indicators (PCQIs) important?

Manitoba's PCQIs have been implemented and submitted via the Primary Care Data Extract (PCDE) by the majority of primary care clinics across Manitoba. PCQIs support and measure prevention, screening, and management of care for certain chronic conditions listed in the table below.

Certification to the PCQI specification embeds alerts within your EMR, reminding providers of care opportunities that may be available for relevant patients. Care should be recorded in the EMR and submitted via your monthly PCDE. Manitoba Health analyzes the data and provides reports back to Home Clinics outlining care provided over time with comparisons at the provincial level. This Primary Care Report for Home Clinics can be used to reflect on your practice, for continuous quality improvement and to understand more about your EMR data quality. Submitting data through the PCDE also provides the information required to support Comprehensive Care Management tariffs as outlined in the Manitoba Physician's Manual.

Watch our 5-min online educational videos

[Primary Care Quality Indicators](#)

[Primary Care Data Extract](#)

[Understanding the Primary Care Report for Home Clinics](#)

To learn more about how PCQIs are analyzed and calculated by Manitoba Health, review the

[Manitoba Primary Care Quality Indicator Guide](#)

Best available evidence: Updates to existing PCQIs

The new specification includes updates to existing PCQIs based on clinician feedback and recommendations to align with best available evidence. Changes include a combination of items that are removed or updated:

Prevention	Diabetes	Asthma/COPD
<p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colon Cancer Screening – added flexible sigmoidoscopy within last ten years 	<p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nephropathy Screening – added age upper limit of 75 	<p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma Action Plans – added action care reviewed Smoking Cessation Counselling – removed former smoker option for COPD management
Hypertension	Coronary Artery Disease	Congestive Heart Failure
<p>Removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes screening* including dates of last fasting blood sugar and A1C tests <p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Dysfunction Screening – added age upper limit of 75 	<p>Removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes screening* including dates of last fasting blood sugar and A1C tests <p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lipid Reduction Counselling – added Non-HDL level > 2.8 mmol/L 	<p>Removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes screening* including dates of last fasting blood sugar and A1C tests

* Diabetes screening is included in the Prevention indicators