



ADHD Screening and Follow-up Care for Children

We appreciate your taking an active role in screening children with symptoms of attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).



The American Academy of Pediatrics (aap.org) recommends thorough assessment to evaluate for ADHD, and to rule out other conditions including learning disabilities, depression or anxiety disorders that mimic ADHD.

How You Can Help

Prior to prescribing medications, screen patients for ADHD.

Recommended Screening Tools

- [Vanderbilt Scale](http://providerexpress.com) – providerexpress.com > Clinical Resources > Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Resources from the Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) organization – [Understanding ADHD – CHADD](http://www.chadd.org)

Most of these tools also allow parents and teachers to provide feedback.

If Medication is Prescribed

- Schedule a follow-up appointment with your patient within **30 days** of writing the prescription
- Schedule **at least two more** follow-up appointments over the next **nine months** to make sure the dosage is effective and to assess for side effects

Resources

More tools and information about behavioral health issues are available on

- providerexpress.com > Clinical Resources > [Clinical and Quality Measures Toolkit for Behavioral Providers](#).
- Patient education information is available on liveandworkwell.com > use access code “clinician.”

Virtual visits can increase flexibility for scheduling appointments. Visit our provider website at the following link for more information.

[Become a Virtual Visit Telemental Health Provider](#)

Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics, Subcommittee on Children and Adolescents with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. ADHD: Clinical practice guideline for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of children and adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Pediatrics, September 30th, 2019.
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (aacap.org)

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