

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.9137 Mental health screenings.

Sec. 9137. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, all of the following apply:

(a) A health professional shall offer the mental health screening described in subsection (2) to an individual who has given birth at a follow-up appointment or well child visit during the individual's postpartum period if the health professional is seeing the individual in a pediatric or obstetric and gynecological setting and the health professional determines at the follow-up appointment or well child visit that a mental health screening is appropriate for the individual.

(b) A health professional other than a health professional described in subdivision (a) may offer the mental health screening described in subsection (2) to an individual who has given birth at a follow-up appointment or well child visit during the individual's postpartum period or until the child reaches the age of 12 months.

(2) The department may develop a tool to be used by health professionals offering a mental health screening under subsection (1). A health professional may also conduct the mental health screening by using an evidenced-based screening tool to assess an individual's maternal mental health or other postpartum risk factors.

(3) If a health professional determines that an individual who has given birth may be in need of mental health resources in addition to a mental health screening under subsection (1), the health professional may provide the individual with any of the following mental health resources:

- (a) Mental health resources that are developed by the department.
- (b) Information on postpartum mental health conditions and their symptoms.
- (c) Treatment options for postpartum mental health conditions.
- (d) Referrals considered appropriate by the health professional for the individual.

(e) If the health professional determines that the individual may be in need of additional support or services, any other information considered appropriate by the health professional to support the individual.

(4) As used in this section, "health professional" means an individual who is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under article 15.

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