

SBIRT Overview & Billing



Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

Definition

SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated approach to identify and address individuals at risk for substance use disorders. SBIRT stands for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment. It is an integrated public health approach to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs. SBIRT aims to intervene early with individuals who may be at risk for developing substance use disorders and provide appropriate levels of intervention and treatment when necessary.

Purpose

- **Screening:** Identify individuals engaging in risky substance use.
- **Brief Intervention:** Provide brief, motivational interventions for individuals at risk.
- **Referral to Treatment:** Facilitate referrals for those with substance use disorders.

Key Components

- **Screening (H0049)**
 - **Code:** H0049
 - **Description:** Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; 15 to 30 minutes.
 - Use validated screening tools (e.g., AUDIT, DAST-10). Such as the tools linked: [Clinician Tools - SBIRT for Substance Abuse](#)
 - Administer screening during routine healthcare visits.
 - Identify and document risky substance use.
- **Brief Intervention**
 - **Code:** H0050
 - **Description:** Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; more than 30 minutes.
 - Engage in a conversation about risks of substance use.
 - Set achievable goals for behavior change.
 - Provide education and motivational support.
- **Referral to Treatment:**
 - Assess the need for specialized treatment.
 - Collaborate with specialized treatment providers.
 - Facilitate seamless transition to treatment services.

Reimbursement

Code	Description	Fee-for-Service Reimbursement
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	\$17.24
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	\$29.00

The following provider types can be reimbursed for SBIRT services in accordance with Rule 59G-4.002 Provider Reimbursement Schedules and Billing Codes, and the Florida Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule [2.9 MB]:

- 25 – M.D.
- 26 – D.O.
- 29 – PA
- 30 – APRN

***Contact your provider representative for the possibility of additional incentives related to SBIRT. ***

Other Resources

- [Guide to Utilizing the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Model for Medicaid Practitioners | Florida Agency for Health Care Administration \(myflorida.com\)](#)
- [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment \(SBIRT\) | SAMHSA](#)
- [MLN904084 – SBIRT Services \(cms.gov\)](#)
- [MORE-SBIRTPocketCard-SEP2020.ashx \(usf.edu\)](#)
- [Search Automated Referral Form | Tobacco Free Florida](#)