

To: Our Valued Prestige Health Choice Providers

Date: May 24, 2021

**Subject: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
Billing Codes and Updated Rates**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) SBIRT codes have been added to the Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule and are retroactively effective to January 1, 2021 dates of service. The codes can be used once per day, as medically necessary. At this time, only physicians and physician extenders can render SBIRT services. This includes the following provider types:

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

SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. Primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, trauma centers, and other community settings provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur.

- Screening quickly assesses the severity of substance use and identifies the appropriate level of treatment.
- Brief intervention focuses on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change.
- Referral to treatment provides those identified as needing more extensive treatment with access to specialty care.

After completing the substance use disorder screening or brief intervention with the member, please submit your claim with the appropriate SBIRT procedure code.

Code	Description	Fee Schedule
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	\$17.08
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	\$28.73

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Network Account Executive.