

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Florida Providers

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Subject: Important Reminder: AHCA Continuing Medical Education (CME) Opportunity for Providers Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

Thank you for your continued participation in our network and your commitment to serving our members. AmeriHealth Caritas Florida is dedicated to keeping our providers informed of important news and updates from the plan and from AHCA. The following content is directly from AHCA's Medicaid Healthcare Alert dated October 7, 2021 and has not been changed.

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announces a CME learning opportunity free of cost for eligible providers. The Agency aims to reduce the impact of substance use disorders in Florida by increasing the capacity of health care providers to screen, briefly intervene, and refer to treatment (SBIRT) individuals with substance use disorder. In this online CME program, providers will learn how to use SBIRT in their daily practices. This learning event particularly emphasizes SBIRT practice tips in the evaluation and management of pregnant women.

At the conclusion of the CME program, participants will be able to:

- Perform SBIRT in their daily practice
- Recognize appropriate circumstances to conduct SBIRT
- Select screening tools suitable to the provider's practice
- Recommend appropriate treatment options
- Apply reimbursement opportunities

The Agency invites all physicians and physician extenders to participate in the training. In particular, obstetricians, family physicians, internal medicine physicians, primary care providers, and hospital physicians are encouraged to participate given their front-line service in health care.

The CME is available to providers online from the University of Florida at the following link:

<https://cme.ufl.edu/screening-brief-intervention-and-referral-to-treatment-sbirt-for-pregnant-women-and-other-adult-patients/>

The CME program expires on August 11, 2023.

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MDs and DOs who watch the lecture and receive a passing grade on the quiz will be issued a certificate of completion and receive CME credits. The University of Florida’s CME office will automatically upload the credit into CE Broker for MDs and DOs. Any PAs and APRNs taking the CME will also receive the credit and certificate of completion if they have a passing score; however, they are required to self-report to CE Broker.

As a reminder, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) SBIRT codes have been added to the Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule and are retroactively effective to date of service January 1, 2021. The codes are applicable to fee-for-service and managed care. 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

Procedure Codes

Code	Description	Medicaid Fee-for-Service Reimbursement Level
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	\$17.08
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	\$28.73

H0049 can be used once per day, as medically necessary and is not limited by age. H0050 is allowed for 0-4 units per day, as medically necessary, and is not limited by age.

The place of service is open for office visits, telehealth, all hospital settings and clinics, and ambulatory surgical centers.

The new SBIRT codes are intended to be used in primary care and other medical settings. These services may be performed and billed in addition to an Evaluation and Management (E&M) service when provided during the same visit. The [community behavioral health fee schedule \[ahca.myflorida.com\]](http://ahca.myflorida.com) has codes for similar and/or the same services that can be used in behavioral health settings.

The Agency refers to procedure code definitions when it comes to services provided. H0050 is defined as Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention, per 15 minutes. H0049 does not include a time specification but should be clinically appropriate.

If you have any questions about the SBIRT codes, please submit them to MedicaidPolicy@ahca.myflorida.com.

If you have any questions about this notification, please contact your Provider Network Account Executive or call Provider Services at **1-800-617-5727**.