

Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment procedure codes added effective January 1, 2021

This communication applies to the Medicaid programs for Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (Simply) and Clear Health Alliance (CHA).

Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) procedure codes have been added to the Medicaid practitioner fee schedule and are retroactively effective to January 1, 2021, dates of service. Simply and CHA will have these codes fully implemented by June 18, 2021. 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. SBIRT provides the following preventive services:

- Screening individuals to quickly assess the severity of substance use and to identify the appropriate level of treatment.
- Brief intervention focusing 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.

At this time, only physicians and physician extenders can render SBIRT services. This includes the following provider types:

- 25 – Doctor of medicine (MD)
- 26 – Doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)
- 29 – Physician assistant (PA)
- 30 – Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)

The procedure codes below can be used once per day, as medically necessary:

Code	Description	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

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