
MEMO

TO: Primary Care Health Home (PCHH) Provider Organizations

FROM: Kathy Brown, Primary Care Health Home Program Manager
MO HealthNet Division

DATE: Revised May 16, 2018

RE: REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, REFERRAL
AND TREATMENT (SBIRT) SERVICES FOR PRIMARY CARE HEALTH
HOME PROVIDERS (Revised)

Description:

SBIRT is a prevention and early intervention initiative. All patients in participating health home settings are screened for risky alcohol and drug use. Evidence based brief education (15-30 minutes) or brief coaching (up to six (6) one (1) hour sessions) services are offered. Additionally, referrals to specialty treatment providers are made, as needed. Screenings are offered annually.

Reimbursement:

As of October 20, 2014, MO HealthNet is now reimbursing health home provider organizations for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT) services, provided that the individuals performing the services are trained and certified. Certification (by Missouri Institute of Mental Health) is explained in the document titled **SBIRT Training-Certification Guidelines** located on the PCHH page of MO HealthNet's website. Any certified staff member can perform the initial pre-screening and brief intervention. Brief coaching must be performed by a licensed mental health professional (behavioral health consultant or substance use disorder counselor) who has completed the training and received certification from MIMH.

Each staff member who completes training is responsible for maintaining a copy of that certification record, and providing it to their Health Home organization to maintain and produce upon possible audit request.

More information on specific services and codes covered, and reimbursement can be found in the document titled **MO HealthNet Billing Instructions for SBIRT Services**.

NOTE: Individuals who perform SBIRT services but who are not submitting claims to MO HealthNet for those services (either as a MO HealthNet provider or via a clinician performing provider) must complete the online training through Missouri Institute of Mental Health (see SBIRT Training-Certification Guidelines), but they DO NOT have to pay to receive a certificate for these trainings.

Please address any questions about this process or effective date to Kathy Brown at 573-751-5542 or at mary.k.brown@dss.mo.gov.