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## MO HealthNet Billing Instructions for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services

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MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is reimbursing Primary Care Health Home Provider organizations for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services performed by certified staff under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner. The certification is required in order to be recognized as an eligible provider for reimbursement of SBIRT codes by MHD.

The Missouri Institute for Mental Health (MIMH) conducts two types of training for SBIRT services. The first type consists of on-line training courses necessary for a non-clinical staff member to become certified to provide “Screening” and “Brief Education/Intervention (ASSIST)” SBIRT services. The second type of training is for licensed substance abuse and/or mental health professionals to provide additional services in the form of “Brief Coaching” for patients with a higher level of risk, but who are not yet dependent or addicted. For more information, please refer to the document titled **SBIRT Training-Certification Guidelines** located at this web site. Upon successful completion of each training course, a certificate is issued by MIMH. It is the provider’s responsibility to keep this certification on file.

Only certified staff at a Health Home clinic (or clinic site connected to the Health Home “administrative site”) may perform SBIRT services; however, since most individuals who perform the initial pre-screen and ASSIST are non-clinical and not enrolled as MO HealthNet providers, the clinician (physician or mid-level provider) providing other services during a visit may bill as the performing provider for the pre-screen or ASSIST SBIRT codes. Only behavioral health consultants who have completed MIMH’s training for “Brief Coaching” can perform and bill for that SBIRT service.

Health Home providers may bill SBIRT codes for MO HealthNet participants that are 18 years of age and older; these services are not limited to Health Home participants. **MO HealthNet requires the CRAFFT Screening Tool for participants 13 – 17 years old.** The screening consists of a series of 6 questions developed to screen adolescents for high risk alcohol and other drug use disorders simultaneously. It is a short, effective screening tool meant to assess whether a longer conversation about the context of use, frequency, and other risks and consequences of alcohol and other drug use is warranted. This version of the CRAFFT screen is intended for use by a trained clinician as a brief interview with an adolescent patient. The CRAFFT Screening tool is available at [here](#). Providers will bill SBIRT and CRAFFT screens using the same codes for all participants, regardless of age.

Health Home sites must log the time used for SBIRT services separately from established Health Home PMPM duties, and staff that spend 100% of their effort on the health home initiative may NOT bill for any SBIRT services provided.

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) providers, and Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) providers must use their MO HealthNet clinic provider (50) number for the billing provider for SBIRT services on a CMS1500 medical claim form. **Please note the FQHC/RHC/CMHC amounts to be used for billing are on the attached fee schedule. Any claims billed for more than MHD’s allowed amount will be recouped.**

For questions regarding provision of SBIRT services, please contact Kathy Brown at 573-751-5542 or via email at [kathy.brown@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:kathy.brown@dmh.mo.gov).

Please refer to the chart below for SBIRT procedure codes, fee schedule and billing limitations:

All of the following codes are limited to participants 13 years of age and older.

Code	Description	Limitations	Fee
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	Use for the initial pre-screening. Can be done by paraprofessionals also. Supervising physician would be shown as performing provider on the claim. This would only be billed for negative pre-screens that are not referred on for further screening/intervention. Billed by the Health Home (HH). All sites within the HH organization can bill this service for all MO HealthNet patients. <i>MHD defines 15 minutes, one unit.</i> Limited to one unit per rolling year, per provider.	\$11.00  FQHC/ RHC/ CMHC should bill: \$11.35
99408	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured screening (eg, AUDIT, DAST, and ASSIST), and brief intervention (SBI) services	If pre-screen is positive, this screening/intervention would be done. If this code is billed, the pre-screening code will not be payable. Billed by the HH. All sites within the HH organization can bill this service for all MO HealthNet patients. <i>MHD defines 15 minutes, one unit.</i> Limited to one unit per rolling year, per provider.	\$22.00  FQHC/ RHC/ CMHC should bill: \$22.69
99409	Greater than 30 minutes (Only initial screening and brief intervention)	If pre-screen is positive, this screening/intervention would be done. If this code is billed, the pre-screening code will not be payable. Billed by the HH. All sites within the HH organization can bill this service for all MO HealthNet patients. <i>MHD defines 30+ minutes, one unit.</i> Limited to one unit per rolling year, per provider.	\$35.00  FQHC/ RHC/ CMHC should bill: \$36.09
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention	Used for "brief coaching". Must be done by a Behavioral Health Consultant (licensed substance abuse and/or mental health professionals). <i>MHD defines 15 minutes, one unit.</i> Limited to four units per day and twenty-four per units per rolling year, per provider.	\$12.00  FQHC/ RHC/ CMHC/ should bill : \$12.38

Above services are subject to current NCCI (National Correct Coding Initiative) edits.

If you have billing questions in regards to SBIRT codes, please contact the Provider Communications hotline at 573-751-2896.