
MEMO

TO: Primary Care Health Home (PCHH) Provider Organizations

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

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

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:

MO HealthNet will begin reimbursing PCHH provider organizations for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT) services in the near future, provided that the individuals performing the services are certified. Certification (by Missouri Institute of Mental Health) is explained in the document titled **SBIRT Training-Certification Guidelines** located at this web site. Any certified staff member can perform the initial pre-screening and brief intervention. Brief coaching must be performed by a certified mental health professional (behavioral health consultant).

Each staff member who completes certification is responsible for maintaining a copy of that certification record. Each certified staff member is also responsible for renewing certification prior to the expiration date. Please see the certificate renewal guidelines included in the attached document link.

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

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