

# Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Reimbursement for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

Last Updated July 3, 2023

| Reimbursement for SBIRT (ASAM Level 0.5)                                   |       |  |                       |
|--|-------|--|-----------------------|
| Service Description  | Codes | Rate                                       | Service Authorization |
| Alcohol and/or substance use structured screening: 15 - 30 minutes         | 99408 | As of 7/1/23<br>OP: \$35.58<br>IP: \$32.75 | N/A                   |
| Alcohol and/or substance use structured screening: greater than 30 minutes | 99409 | As of 7/1/23<br>OP: \$68.63<br>IP: \$65.50 | N/A                   |



## What is SBIRT?

- **Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)** is an evidence/community-based practice designed to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic substance use disorders.
- **Screening** — a healthcare professional assesses a patient for risky substance use behaviors using standardized screening tools. Screening can occur in any healthcare setting
- **Brief Intervention** — a healthcare professional engages a patient showing risky substance use behaviors in a short conversation, providing feedback and advice
- **Referral to Treatment** — a healthcare professional provides a referral to brief therapy or additional treatment to patients who screen in need of additional services

## Medicaid Payer-Specific Staff Requirements:

- Physicians, pharmacists, and other licensed credentialed addiction treatment professionals shall administer the evidence-based screening tool. The physician may also delegate providing the counseling and intervention to these individuals, but should be available for review as needed.
- Licensed providers may complete the screening or delegate administration of the evidence-based screening tool to other clinical staff as allowed by their scope of practice. **The licensed provider shall review the tool with the individual and provide the counseling and intervention.**

## SBIRT Evidenced Based Tools (not an all-inclusive)

- Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS)
- Subjective Opiate Withdrawal Scale (SOWS)
- CAGE-AID

## SBIRT Training Resources

- <https://www.naadac.org/webinars>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt>