

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

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 7/1/21 OP: \$36.06 IP: \$32.94	N/A
Alcohol and/or substance use structured screening: greater than 30 minutes	99409	As of 7/1/21 OP: \$69.34 IP: \$66.22	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 as well 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.
- However, the licensed provider shall review the tool with the individual and provide the counseling and intervention.

SBIRT Evidenced Based Tools

- ***This is not an all inclusive list**
- Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS)
- Subjective Opiate Withdrawal Scale (SOWS)
- CAGE-AID

SBIRT Training Resources

- <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/sbirt>
- <https://www.naadac.org/webinars>
- <https://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/integration-edge/substance-use-disorder-and-pregnancy>