

Benefits to Change for Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Effective July 1, 2016

Effective for dates of service (DOSs) on or after July 1, 2016, benefit criteria will change for Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for Texas Medicaid. The changes are listed below:

- SBIRT will become a benefit for adults 21 and older, in addition to those 10 to 20 years of age who can currently receive SBIRT.
- The initial screening session will no longer be restricted to the emergency department and can now also occur in the office, home, outpatient hospital and other appropriate settings.
- Providers will be required to complete four hours of SBIRT training prior to delivering SBIRT.
- Texas Medicaid has identified two new procedure codes, H0049 and 99408, which will be used for delivering SBIRT services.
- Procedure code H0050 will no longer be a benefit other than at Chemical Dependency Treatment Facilities (CDTFs).

SBIRT is a comprehensive, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for clients with alcohol and/or substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders, when provided to clients who are 10 years of age or older.

SBIRT services can be performed by the following providers: Physicians, registered nurses (RNs), advanced practice nurses (APRN), physician assistants (PA), psychologists, licensed clinical social workers (LCSW), licensed professional counselors (LPC), certified nurse midwives (CNM), outpatient hospitals, federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and rural health clinics.

Training for Providers

Providers that perform SBIRT must be trained in the correct practice method and will be required to complete at least four hours of training. Proof of completion of SBIRT training must be maintained in an accessible manner at the provider's place of service.

Information regarding available trainings and standardized screening tools can be found through the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#).

Procedure Codes	Description	Limitation
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	2 per year
99408	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services	4 per year

Reimbursement

In Medicaid fee-for-service SBIRT is billed using the following procedure codes:

H0049 and 99408 cannot be billed on the same date as procedure code 90847, 90853, 90865, 90791, 90792, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90870, 96101, 96118.

H0049 and 99408 cannot both be billed on the same date.

Physicians and other qualified health care professionals that bill an Evaluation and Management (E/M) code for a visit where SBIRT occurred, must use Modifier 25 to identify a significant, separately identifiable E/M service rendered by the same provider on the same DOS of the procedure.

Procedure code H0050 will no longer be a benefit for SBIRT providers. Procedure code H0050 will remain payable at CDTFs.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.