

# 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	CPT OP rate as of 7/1/17 = ages <21=\$25.82 >20=\$23.73	N/A
Alcohol and/or substance use structured screening: greater than 30 minutes	99409	CPT OP rate as of 7/1/17 = ages <21=\$50.34 >20=\$46.26	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 Requirements

- Staff requirements:
  - Physicians, pharmacists, and other credentialed addiction treatment professionals shall administer the evidence-based screening tool
- Licensed providers may 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.
  - The physician may also delegate providing the counseling and intervention to these individuals as well but should be available for review as needed.

### SBIRT Evidenced Based Tools

- Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)
- Abuse Assessment Screen (A.A.S.)
- Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS)
- Subjective Opiate Withdrawal Scale (SOWS)

### SBIRT Training Resources

- <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/sbirt>
- <https://www.naadac.org/webinars>