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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal: 2021-18

Applicable to the **2018-2023 SMMC contract benefits** for:

- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and MMA Specialty
- Long-Term Care (LTC)
- Dental

Re: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Procedure Codes Added Effective January 1, 2021

The managed care plan must provide covered services specified in s. 409.973, F.S., in accordance with Attachment II, Section VI., Coverage and Authorization of Services, the approved federal waiver for the MMA managed care program, and the following Medicaid rules and services listed on the associated fee schedules in the Florida Medicaid Policies and Rule References for MMA Services Table, Table 1, including Evaluation and Management Services Coverage Policy incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4087, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The purpose of this policy transmittal is to inform the Medicaid managed care plans that Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) SBIRT procedure codes have been added to the Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule and are retroactively effective to January 1, 2021 dates of service.

SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. Primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, trauma centers, and other community settings provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur.

- Screening quickly assesses the severity of substance use and identifies the appropriate level of treatment.
- Brief intervention focuses on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change.
- Referral to treatment provides those identified as needing more extensive treatment with access to specialty care.

The procedure codes below can be used once per day, as medically necessary. At this time, only physicians and physician extenders can render SBIRT services. This includes the following provider types:

- 25 – M.D.
- 26 – D.O.
- 29 – PA
- 30 - APRN



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Code	Description	Fee-for-Service Reimbursement Level
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	\$17.08
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	\$28.73

Managed care plans are to have these codes fully implemented by **June 18, 2021**.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Bottcher at Kelli.Bottcher@ahca.myflorida.com and cc your Agency contract manager.

Sincerely,



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