

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2300-MC-FFS

DATE: December 23, 2021

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Behavioral Health Providers, Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Billing for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services

EFFECTIVE: February 1, 2022

Iowa Medicaid continues to cover SBIRT services. [Informational Letter \(IL\) 1432](#)¹, dated October 16, 2014, contains guidance for providers wishing to bill these services using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.

Effective February 1, 2022, SBIRT services may also be billed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

HCPCS code G0396 may be used to bill alcohol and/or substance use (other than tobacco) structured assessment (e.g., Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) or Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)) and brief intervention services 15-30 minutes in length.

HCPCS Code G0397 may be used to bill alcohol and/or substance use (other than tobacco) structured assessment (e.g., AUDIT or DAST) and brief intervention services 30 or more minutes in length.

The addition of these codes will allow providers to bill for services provided to dually eligible members. More information about Medicare's coverage of SBIRT can be found [here](#)².

¹ <https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/IMPA/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=82fe9dfc-55da-49cc-8e35-412c11c49aaf>

² https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/SBIRT_Factsheet_ICN904084.pdf

If you have any questions regarding billing behavioral health/substance use disorder services, please contact Provider Services by email at IMEProviderServices@dhs.state.ia.us, by phone at 1(800) 338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at (515) 256-4609.