

Quick Guide to SBIRT Billing for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) Providers

What is SBIRT?

SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) is a comprehensive, universal public health approach that integrates behavioral health into the primary care setting. The SBIRT model provides universal screening, prevention and early intervention for alcohol, marijuana and illicit drug use across a full continuum. Certified health care professionals use screening tools to briefly engage patients on alcohol and substance use. Based on the screening assessment, the provider provides a brief intervention, and when indicated makes a referral for brief treatment or chemical dependency treatment.

Brief interventions are a reimbursable service under Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) when provided by, or under the supervision of the approved and certified health care professionals listed below.

Who is eligible to become a certified SBIRT provider and who can bill for SBIRT services?

Provider Type	SBIRT Provider	SBIRT Biller
ARNP Advanced registered nurse practitioner	✓	✓
CDP Chemical dependency professional	✓	
D Dentist	✓	✓
DH Dental hygienist	✓	✓
LICSW Independent and advanced social worker	✓	✓
LPN Licensed practical nurse	✓	
LMFT Marriage and family counselor	✓	✓
LMHC Mental health counselor	✓	✓
P Physician, any specialty	✓	✓
PA Physician's assistant	✓	
CP Psychologist	✓	✓
RN Registered nurse	✓	

How do I become a SBIRT provider?

By completing a 4 hour minimum of SBIRT training, the licensed health care professionals listed above may provider and/or bill Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) for the brief interventions provided to patients.

All health care professionals must document successful completion of an approved SBIRT course to be eligible. Documentation will be used to identify the health care professional through his/her National Provider Identifier (NPI) number for billing services.

Apple Health billing claims are submitted through *ProviderOne*. Visit the *Become a New Provider* page on HCA's website for more information on how to enroll. www.hca.wa.gov

See the [Physician-Related Services/Health Care Professional Services provider guide](#) for a list of approved training. Apple Health enrolled providers must submit proof of SBIRT training to:

What SBIRT services are billable?

SBIRT Component	Billable Service?	Explanation
Screening	Screening is not billable as a stand-alone service	Patients screening negative on the full screen are not eligible for SBIRT reimbursement
Brief Intervention (BI)	15+ minute BIs can be billed	Patients screening positive on the full screen who receive a 15+ minute BI are eligible for SBIRT reimbursement. Up to four BIs per patient, per provider, per calendar year are billable.

SBIRT billing claims can be submitted with other Evaluation and Management (E/M) visits and are considered a separate service from the E/M. You must attach the diagnosis code Z71.41 (ICD10) when submitting SBIRT claims (diagnosis code V65.42 is used for ICD9).

What codes do I bill and what are the rates?

Billing Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
99408	15-30 minute BI for alcohol and substance misuse	Facility Setting - \$19.98 Non-Facility Setting - \$21.03
99409	30+ minute BI for alcohol and substance misuse	Facility Setting - \$39.75 Non-Facility Setting - \$40.80

*These rates are subject to change; see the [Physician-Related Services/Professional Healthcare Services](#) fee schedule.

It is important to have your electronic health records (EHR) set up for SBIRT documentation and billing. Include the SBIRT screening tools in your EHR system for efficiency. Set up smart phrases or smart sets to assist with documentation on patient outcomes related to the brief intervention.

For more information on SBIRT billing, please visit the Washington State SBIRT website www.wasbirt.com and review Health Care Authority's Medicaid Provider Guide 2014 <http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/billing/Pages/index.aspx>



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