

Coding for Screening and Brief Intervention Reimbursement

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Reimbursement for screening and brief intervention is available through commercial insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Important Medicare Information

SAMHSA is working with the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) to educate practitioners about the importance of SBIRT coverage and the Medicare billing rules around these services. SBIRT services are defined as alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse **structured assessment** (for example, Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test, Drug Abuse Screening Test) and brief intervention. Medicare may not pay for screening services unless specifically required by statute.

More information can be found at the [Medicare Learning Network](#).

Reimbursement for SBIRT

Payer	Code	Description	Fee Schedule
Commercial Insurance	CPT 99408	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; 15 to 30 minutes	\$33.41
	CPT 99409	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; greater than 30 minutes	\$65.51
Medicare	G0396	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; 15 to 30 minutes	\$29.42
	G0397	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; greater than 30 minutes	\$57.69
Medicaid	H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	\$24.00
	H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	\$48.00