



## Alcohol Screening and Intervention Billing and Coding 06/17/2020\*

Payer	Code	Description	Notes
Commercial insurance, Medicaid	99408	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, 15-30 minutes.	Screening + brief intervention lasting less than 15 minutes is not currently a reimbursable service. The Colorado Medicaid SBIRT Manual provides more details about coding and reimbursement requirements. Also, to determine whether a commercial plan reimburses for SBIRT it will be necessary to contact each plan directly.
Commercial insurance, Medicaid	99409	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, greater than 30 minutes.	
Medicaid	H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening.	Health First Colorado (Medicaid) reimburses for a <b>negative full screen</b> (e.g., the full 10-item AUDIT is completed after the patient has a positive brief screen – for example, the Single Alcohol Screening Question or the AUDIT-C). This is the code that should be used to be reimbursed for a negative full screen. In other words, full screening was completed but brief intervention not indicated.
Medicaid	H0050	Alcohol and/or drug screening per 15 minutes.	Code is not widely used.
Medicare	G0396	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, 15-30 minutes.	
Medicare	G0397	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services, greater than 30 minutes.	
Medicare	G0442	Screening for alcohol misuse in adults, 15 minutes. No coinsurance; no deductible for patient.	
Medicare	G0443	Brief face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol abuse, 15 minutes. Up to four per year for individuals who screen positive for	

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Source: <https://www.aafp.org/fpm/2017/0500/p12.html> and <https://www.samhsa.gov/sbirt/coding-reimbursement>

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